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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Regent University School of Law, 1998

Master's of Business Administration, Golden Gate University, *magna cum laude*, 1979

Old Dominion University, 1975

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 1998

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1998

District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2002

OVERVIEW

Kathryn Byler is an attorney focusing her practice in the areas of real estate, business, guardianships, and estate planning matters. She joined Pender & Coward after graduating from Regent Law School in 1998.

As a licensed Virginia real estate broker and commercial property owner, Kathryn brings a heightened understanding of her clients' real estate and business needs. Her professional volunteer efforts include serving as Chair of the VA State Bar Real Property Section and Chair of the VA State Bar District 2-1 Disciplinary Committee.

Kathryn is an adjunct professor at Regent University School of Law. Prior to practicing with Pender & Coward, she was a faculty member at Old Dominion University, Tidewater Community College and Virginia Wesleyan College.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES & TRANSACTIONS

Routinely represents family members of persons with mental and/or physical disabilities to have them determined incapacitated adults and the petitioners appointed guardians. This appointment enables the guardian to apply for entitlements (Medicaid, SSI), communicate with physicians, establish living arrangements for a safe, sustainable environment, and make decisions in the best interests of the incapacitated adult.

Drafted and executed a Will at the hospital for a client who passed away days later, providing him with peace of mind knowing that his estate was being distributed according to his wishes.

Represented a property owner against a tenant with a past due balance exceeding one year's rent. Gained possession so the home could be sold and judgment against the tenant so efforts to collect the past due rent could be initiated.

Represented a family with a home that had been vacant for more than a year due to disability and death of elderly parents. Arranged for continued insurance coverage, an appraisal, an estate sale of valuables, disposal of trash, clean up of the property, listing of the home, and closing of the sale with proceeds available for the remaining elderly adult in an assisted living facility.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia State Bar, Second District Committee, 2018-present
- Virginia State Bar, Special Committee on Resolution of Fee Disputes, Chair, 2014-present
- Virginia State Bar, Real Estate Section, Chair, 2021-2022
- Virginia State Bar, Circuit Committee on Resolution of Fee Disputes, Chair, 2006-2014
- Virginia Bar Association, Real Estate Council, 2026
- Virginia Beach General District Court, Judicial Liaison Committee, Chair
- American Bar Association

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV® Rated, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™
- Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Real Estate, 2022-2026
- Virginia's Legal Elite, Real Estate/Land Use, 2021-2025
- Regent University Outstanding Alumni Award, 2009-2010
- Virginia Beach Bar Association Service Award, 2016
- Nora Spencer Homner Award, American Lung Association of Virginia, 1994

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Virginia Beach Planning Commission, Vice Chair, 2026
- Virginia Beach Forum, President, 2010-2011 season, Board of Directors, 2008–present
- Central Business District Association (CBDA) Design Review Committee, 2022
- Norfolk State University, Business & Economic Development Advisory Board, 2013
- Centura College, Paralegal Program Advisory Board, 2007–2012
- Election Protection, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law, 2008
- Virginia Aviation Foundation, Board of Directors, 2004–2007
- American Cancer Society, Corporate Leadership Council, 2005 & 2006
- American Lung Association, SEVA, President, 1995-1996
- American Lung Association of Virginia, Board of Directors, 1992-1997