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Clients hire Kristin Draper because she offers an aggressive yet tactful approach to litigation. Her peers are quick to point out her prowess as an attorney and her superior initiative, while clients frequently praise her work ethic, responsiveness and sharp negotiation skills.

Kristin assists a variety of clients, including real estate investors, medical practices, procurement firms, national child care providers, facilities management companies, marketing companies and technology-centered businesses, as well as individuals and families.

Clients benefit from her creative and strategic approach to dispute resolution and appreciate that she tailors pre-trial and courtroom strategies to their specific situation and goals. A Washington D.C. real estate developer recently thanked Kristin for her work on his behalf, saying, "I have been extremely impressed with your work and attention to detail in regard to my interests on this deal that went wrong."



BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Maryland

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

EDUCATION

Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, J.D., 2003, *magna cum laude*

James Madison University, B.A., 1997

Kristin's successful representations include managing all facets of complex commercial litigation, including disputes regarding multimillion-dollar real estate transactions, trade secrets misappropriation, intellectual property, stock warrants, shareholder rights, hospitality procurement, and employment. She handles various trust and estate disputes, assisting families in effectuating estate planning goals and seeking redress for wrongs committed by fiduciaries, and also offers counsel regarding contracts in various procurement, employment, real estate and other business matters. Kristin often appears before regional tribunals in Maryland and the District of Columbia, and she has practiced in state and federal courts throughout the country.

Within Shulman Rogers, Kristin was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve on the Strategic Advisory Committee. She is also active on the firm's Integration and Mentoring Committee, Women's Business Development Group and the Diversity Committee.

Results

Commercial Litigation

- Successfully represented defendants sued for breach of contract, unjust enrichment and breach of fiduciary duty related to family business. After nearly 2 years of discovery and hard-fought motions practice, Kristin's client prevailed at trial (and again on appeal) when the Court agreed with her arguments that the Plaintiffs had not satisfied their burden of proof on any claims in the Complaint.
- Obtained favorable settlement for co-owner of home after pursuing sale in lieu of partition that resulted in sale of house without the expense of court-appointed trustees

- Successfully petitioned the court to remove improper personal representative of an estate because he was not the closest relative of decedent and obtained court order appointing client as the proper personal representative
- Represented clients in a complex dispute over the application of a buy/sell provision in a real estate company's operating agreement, resulting in a nearly \$20 million settlement in the middle of arbitration.
- Represented 50% owner of limited liability company owning \$50 million Washington, D.C. office building in dispute concerning sale of property.
- Represented large minority partner in litigation and pre-litigation disputes concerning various real estate partnerships owning shopping mall, residential apartment complexes, and raw land in the Washington metropolitan area.
- Represented real estate developer in litigation and various other matters over his interest in \$106 million office building and contiguous property located in Washington metropolitan area.
- Represented sports league in litigation in Federal court in Nevada concerning the design and acquisition of a rocket-powered airplane.
- Represented software development company in Federal lawsuit against former officer, director, and employee concerning ownership of the company's intellectual property.
- Represented leading solar energy company in Federal lawsuit against former business partner concerning the former partner's breaches of a reseller agreement.
- Represented regional fuel distributor against operator for breach of supply agreement.
- Represented mortgage broker in enforcing restrictions covenants against former employees.
- Represented carpet cleaning company in arbitration concerning breach of asset purchase agreement.

Personal Litigation

- Represented trust beneficiary in seeking removal of Trustees suspected of fraudulent and conflicted actions.
 - Represented former trustee and power of attorney in dispute with family members regarding administration of trust and actions as healthcare power of attorney for incapacitated parent.
 - Represented estate beneficiaries in seeking redress for undue influence and suspected elder abuse of incapacitated parent.
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Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2026
 - Maryland Super Lawyers, 2020–2021
 - DC Super Lawyers, 2020–2021
 - Top Civil Litigation Attorney, Bethesda Magazine, 2019
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