

Kentucky

Kentucky courts have seen national recognition several times this year. One major case involved defendants William Gallion and Shirley Cunningham, two attorneys on trial for allegedly conning clients out of \$65 million from a \$200 million settlement involving the diet drug Fen Phen. The prisons even received attention, with the admittance of tobacco lawyer Richard “Dickie” Scruggs, who has been ordered to a federal prison in Ashland.

Highly recommended firms

With offices in Louisville, Lexington and Florence, **Frost Brown Todd** continues to grow with the addition of several new attorneys. The offices offer an array of litigation services including the practice areas of antitrust, business, unfair competition, energy, natural resources, securities, employment and product liability. Clients consistently commend the firm for valuable local litigation knowledge. In one recent case, Frost Brown Todd represented members of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in a case that ran roughly five years. The clients believed the Association withheld some \$100 million due the members. Attorneys at the firm obtained a judgment in excess of \$128 million for their clients, in a case that “ranks among the largest verdicts obtained in the history of Kentucky.” Other clients of the firm include NASCAR, Mercy Health System and the Kentucky Utilities Company.

Clients often praise the longstanding work of **Charles Cassis**. One commended him for an “excellent local jury relationship” and “a lot of street smarts.” He handles product liability, toxic torts, insurance, securities and restaurant litigation. One past case involves client Marathon Petroleum in a matter involving price control statutes. **Winston Miller** practices within areas of products liability, fire and explosion, employment, toxic tort and business litigation. Miller has represented Merck and Foamex. Clients praised the work of **Sheryl Snyder**, and called him “a superb appellate lawyer” as well. He represents clients in antitrust, securities fraud, Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Practices Act, trademark, copyright and trade secrets matters. **Theresa Canaday** is noted for her work in complex business matters including torts, securities and unfair competition. Recent clients include Omniflight Helicopters and Health Care Property Investors. **Tanya Bowman** also

assisted in defense on the Health Care Property Investors case. She is frequently involved in commercial litigation matters. **Erwin Roberts** focuses on government relations and white-collar criminal cases.

Regional firm **Greenebaum Doll & McDonald** has a focus on business litigation. Major practice areas include class actions, toxic torts, environmental, product liability and white-collar matters. One recent case involves defense of Mid-States Plastics regarding injury liability of a guest that accompanied an employee on a business trip. The case was eventually dismissed. Other significant clients include The Home Depot, KFC National Council and Advertising Cooperative, Peabody Energy and University of Louisville.

Hiram Ely frequently represents clients in business and commercial litigation as chair of the alternate dispute resolution group. **Mark Riddle** focuses on commercial contracts, environmental, class actions and professional liability litigation. One recent client includes defense of Zeon Biomune in a case involving pollutants. **Janet Jakubowicz** serves as chair of the class action defense group of the firm, and is also involved in cases regarding financial institutions, securities and RICO matters. In the past, she represented pizza giant Papa John’s. **Eric Ison**’s practice emphasizes commercial, product liability and class action litigations. He is also active in the community and recently served as chairman of the Justice For All Campaign in Louisville to help provide free legal services to low-income individuals. **Margaret Keane** serves as co-chair of the “Beverage Alcohol Team,” and aids clients in products liability and general commercial litigation. Associate **James Herr** practices in commercial litigation and class action suits. He frequently represents clients in fraud, trade secrets and breach of contract cases. Associate **Suzan Hixon** focuses her practice on intellectual property law.

Local litigation firms

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Frost Brown Todd

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

Stites & Harbison

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

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Middleton Reutlinger

Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice

Stoll Keenon Ogden

Dinsmore & Shohl

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Local litigation stars

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John Ballantine
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Carol Browning
Stites & Harbison

Theresa Canaday
Frost Brown Todd

Charles Cassis
Frost Brown Todd

Charles Cronan
Stites & Harbison

Barbara Edelman
Dinsmore & Shohl

Hiram Ely
Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

Jon Fleischaker
Dinsmore & Shohl

Joseph Hamilton
Stites & Harbison

Gregory Haynes
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

Eric Ison
Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

Janet Jakubowicz
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Margaret Keane
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Winston Miller
Frost Brown Todd

James Milliman
Middleton Reutlinger

Stephen Pitt
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

John Reed
Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice

Mark Riddle
Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

Virginia Snell
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

Sheryl Snyder
Frost Brown Todd

John Tate
Stites & Harbison

Stites & Harbison boasts a significant presence in the Southeast, with more than 50 attorneys in the Lexington office. The firm serves in several practice areas of litigation including class actions, fiduciary responsibility, antitrust, medical liability, intellectual property and white-collar criminal matters. Clients for the firm include SunTrust Bank, the Blue Grass Airport, United Foods and Wylie Steel Fabricators. The firm is also growing, with recent additions to the Georgia and Tennessee offices. One recent case includes defense of American General Home Equity in a foreclosure matter against borrowers.

Carol Browning focuses her work on products liability, drug and medical device litigation. Her medical malpractice defense work also won her accolades from peers as she often represents physicians. Joseph Hamilton serves clients in business litigation and class action matters. Past clients include

actions and complex securities. Past client representation includes the Thornton Oil Corporation and Fourth Street Tobacco Warehouse. Complex commercial matters are also the focus of **Stephen Pitt**. His emphasis includes toxic tort, coal contract, environmental, antitrust and criminal litigation. **Virginia Snell** often represents clients in appellate matters as well as class actions. She currently has several cases pending within Kentucky Supreme Court. **Angela Buckler** focuses her work within employment, commercial and estate litigation. Past clients include The Nielsen Company and BP America.

Recommended firms

Although based in Ohio, **Dinsmore & Shohl** has a significant presence in the litigation market with offices in Lexington and Louisville. Litigation practice areas include First Amendment law, commercial, insurance

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American Modern Insurance Group, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and Great American Insurance Company. **John Tate** co-chairs the firm’s torts and insurance practice group, and leads clients in breach of contract and product liability disputes. **Charles Cronan** practices his civil litigation work in areas of health care law and alternative dispute resolution. His work is frequently lauded for representation of physicians and hospitals. Associate **Stephanie Renner** serves clients in the business litigation areas of torts, insurance and white-collar criminal matters. She has also handled patent infringements and breach of contract cases.

Clients often turn to **Wyatt Tarrant & Combs** for its service in several areas of business litigation. Antitrust, toxic torts, construction, intellectual property, minerals, public finance, sports and trademark litigation are just a few of the areas in which this firm focuses. The firm offers “sound advice, prompt service, vigorous advocacy, thoughtful counseling and attention to detail” to all of its clients at the firm. With offices throughout the Southeast, the firm’s client list includes Franklin Industries, Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Metropolitan Life Insurance and Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems. One recent case involves successful representation of Static Control Components against Lexmark International.

With a focus on commercial litigation, **Gregory Haynes** leads cases involving class

bad faith and intellectual property matters. One recent case involved Solutia against FMC Corporation in a “breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and negligent misrepresentation” case. A \$21.5 million settlement was eventually reached in favor of the client.

Barbara Edelman handled the case for Solutia. Her practice areas include class actions, employment law, contract disputes, fiduciary duty claims, lender liability and fraud matters. Peers often note her work in business litigation disputes as well. **Jon Fleischaker**, chair of the communications and media group, focuses his litigation work on First Amendment and media law. **Mindy Barfield** recently represented Allstate Insurance in a case where the plaintiff sought \$475 million in compensatory damages. The client, Allstate, eventually received a defense verdict. **Kenyon Meyer** specializes in criminal litigation matters. He frequently represents employers and employees in white-collar criminal cases.

The Louisville firm, **Middleton Reutlinger** continues to provide excellent legal services to clients in several areas of commercial, intellectual property and insurance litigation. Clients of the firm include Anchorage Independent Board of Education, Bridgeman Foods, Hillerich & Bradsby, The Cordish Company and Stock Yards Bank and Trust Company. Attorneys at the firm often handle cases nationally, and retain client relationships for decades at a time.

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Future stars

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Trevor Earl
Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice

Carl Frazier
Stoll Keenon Ogden

litigation issues within areas of commercial and intellectual property matters. One past case involved the successful representation of the Genlyte Thomas Group in a patent case against Arch Lighting Group. **Tara Clayton** practices in the commercial and health care litigation sections of the firm, and is also a board certified Medical Technologist.

Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice specializes in litigation. The small Louisville firm maintains an active litigation practice within areas of intellectual property, insurance coverage, trade secret, tax and employment matters. One recent case involves representation of the Linn Station Properties and Integrated Telecom Services Corporation against Inter-Tel and Inter-Tel Technologies.

Well known for his work in intellectual property litigation, **John Reed** regularly represents a broad range of clients. He also handles insurance coverage disputes, constitutional challenges and contract

disputes. Associate **Trevor Earl's** practice emphasizes commercial litigation. He practices in both Kentucky and Indiana.

As one of the largest firms in the state, **Stoll Keenon Ogden** has several offices to serve clients' needs. Practice areas within litigation include bankruptcy, business, family law and insurance. The firm also actively involves itself in the community with the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, Henderson Regional Hospital Foundation and the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Douglas Ballantine practices both commercial and intellectual property litigation. He is known for his work handling defense of medical malpractice cases and often recognized by his peers for work in alternative dispute resolution. **John Ballantine** focuses his trial experience on professional liability and medical malpractice defense litigation. **Carl Frazier's** emphasis is on personal injury and professional negligence within his civil litigation practice.

