

KENTUCKY

Leading litigation firms

Highly recommended

Frost Brown Todd

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

Middleton Reutlinger

Stites & Harbison

Stoll Keenon Ogden

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

Recommended

Dinsmore & Shohl

Fultz Maddox Hovious & Dickens

Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice

Local litigation stars

Douglas Ballantine

Stoll Keenon Ogden
Business Litigation, Insurance, Intellectual Property,
Mineral and Environmental Law

John Ballantine

Stoll Keenon Ogden
Insurance

P. Douglas Barr

Stoll Keenon Ogden
Business Litigation, Intellectual Property

Perry Bentley

Stoll Keenon Ogden
Insurance

Carol Browning

Stites & Harbison
Antitrust, Health Law, Products Liability, Professional
Liability, Toxic Tort and Environmental Defense

Theresa Canaday

Frost Brown Todd
Appellate, Commercial Litigation

Charles Cassis

Frost Brown Todd
Appellate, Class Actions, Insurance, Products
Liability, Securities, Toxic Tort

Cornelius E. Coryell II

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Products
Liability

Charles J "Mike" Cronan IV

Stites & Harbison
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate, Class
Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation, Health
Law, Intellectual Property

Barbara Edelman

Dinsmore & Shohl
Financial Class Actions, Fraud, Lender Liability,
Negligent Misrepresentation, Trade Secrets

Hiram Ely

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Class Actions,
Health Law, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Trade
Secrets

Jon Fleischaker

Dinsmore & Shohl
Appellate, Commercial Litigation

Lea Goff

Stoll Keenon Ogden
Bankruptcy, Business Litigation

David Hale

Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice
Business Litigation, Insurance

Joseph Hamilton

Stites & Harbison
Class Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation

K. Gregory Haynes

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs
Class Actions, Securities

James Higgins

Middleton Reutlinger
Complex Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

Samuel D. Hinkle IV

Stoll Keenon Ogden
Bankruptcy, Business Litigation, Mineral and
Environmental Litigation

Eric Ison

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Antitrust, Appellate,
Class Actions, Products Distribution, Products
Liability, Trade Secrets

Janet Jakubowicz

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald
Alternative Dispute Resolutions, Appellate, Class
Actions, Intellectual Property, Securities, Trade
Secrets

Margaret Keane

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate, Class
Actions, Products Liability

Byron Leet

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs
Commercial Litigation

Winston Miller

Frost Brown Todd
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Class Actions, Drug
and Medical Device Litigation, Energy and Natural
Resources Litigation, Products Liability, Toxic Tort

James Milliman

Middleton Reutlinger
Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

M. Stephen Pitt

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs
Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Environmental
Litigation, Toxic Tort

John Reed

Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice
Antitrust

Mark Riddle

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate, Class
Actions, Environmental Litigation, Toxic Tort

Virginia Snell

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs
Business Litigation, Class Actions, Employment
Litigation, Health Law, Malpractice

Sheryl Snyder

Frost Brown Todd
Antitrust, Fraud, Intellectual Property, RICO,
Securities, Trade Secrets

John Tate

Stites & Harbison
Appellate, Business Litigation, Insurance,
Intellectual Property, Products Liability, Toxic Tort

Future stars

Mindy Barfield
Dinsmore & Shohl

Angela Buckler
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

Tara Clayton
Middleton Reutlinger

Philip Collier
Stites & Harbison

Trevor Earl
Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice

Greg Hovious
Fultz Maddox Hovious & Dickens

Kenyon Meyer
Dinsmore & Shohl

Grahmn Morgan
Dinsmore & Shohl

Erwin Roberts
Frost Brown Todd



Kentucky

Bridging the geographic and cultural regions of the South and Midwest, Kentucky firms are well positioned to attend to legal matters and attract clients in both areas. The state is home to some unique and indigenous practices such as equine law, which has developed to serve one of the most lucrative industries in Kentucky. In July 2009, for the first time in nearly 20 years, the Supreme Court of Kentucky approved comprehensive revisions to its rules governing attorney conduct, including a new rule that requires attorneys who know about professional misconduct by other attorneys or judges to report the misconduct.

Highly recommended firms

Frost Brown Todd

With nearly 475 lawyers across middle America, Frost Brown Todd covers commercial litigation, products liability, environmental law, intellectual property, and employment litigation. The firm operates ten offices in five states including Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, and most recently, Indiana upon its 2008 acquisition of Indiana firm Locke Reynolds. In Kentucky, the firm serves the key markets of Louisville, Lexington, and Florence. One client remarks, "I've had experience with quite a few lawyers in this area, and Frost Brown Todd has the depth and talent you don't find in many local firms."

A peer mentions that **Winston Miller** is a "long-time veteran of commercial litigation." Miller is also recognized for his work in products liability. **Stephen Embry** is admired for his "excellent" products liability practice as well. Peers call **Sheryl Snyder** "an outstanding appellate lawyer and great strategist" and **Theresa Canaday** a "very solid contributor" for her litigation of complex business matters, including business torts, securities and unfair competition cases. **John Crockett** earns peer praise for his "long-time litigation experience in products liability defense work," and **Thomas O'Brien** is noted for his work in intellectual property.

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald

The law firm of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald has been operating in Kentucky for over 50 years and is one of the largest firms in the state. The firm has offices in Ohio and Tennessee, making it uniquely positioned to take cases to the north and south of its headquarters. In 2008, the firm was rumored to be merging with Indiana-based Ice Miller, with details left vague as to exactly which firm would acquire the other, but this has yet to come to fruition.

In the Louisville office, **Hiram Ely** practices in many areas of business litigation, but his primary emphasis has been representing clients in the health care industry. Peers recognize **Janet Jakubowicz** as a "quality litigator" for her commercial litigation

practice. Competitors consider Lexington-based **David Owen** to be "very skilled" at litigating complex commercial matters, including environmental, toxic tort, antitrust and construction matters. **Brian Johnson** currently represents Ashland Oil Co. in several cases brought by landowners alleging they have been exposed to radioactive materials which surfaced when the company drilled for oil. The jury ruled in favor of Ashland, but the landowners are appealing the decision, and a final decision is pending.

Middleton Reutlinger

Louisville-based Middleton Reutlinger makes its debut as a highly recommended firm in this year's rankings due to a significant level of positive peer and client review. One client enthuses "I would rate them very high. They have good quality litigation coverage and do an excellent job at keeping the overall litigation in perspective at relatively cost-effective rates." Middleton focuses primarily on business litigation and intellectual property, but peers note "they handle pretty sophisticated litigation for being a small firm."

Multiple peers mention **Dennis Murrell** for his trial abilities, with one remarking that "he's at the top of my list. I've referred cases to him and would trust him even with a personal matter. He's just a bulldog and he will go to trial." Peers also mention **James Milliman** for his intellectual property practice. He recently represented the holder of patents for commercial garage lighting fixtures in an infringement action that was successfully resolved in 2009, with the accused infringer discontinuing the product at issue. **James Higgins** is the founder of the firm's intellectual property law department and also handles business litigation. He is currently representing electronics giant Philips in a patent infringement matter involving "knock-offs" of Philips' highly popular "Gullwing" design parking lot fixture.

Stites & Harbison

Tracing its origins to 1832, Stites & Harbison is not only the oldest firm in the state, but also one of the oldest in the nation. The firm

has over 260 attorneys throughout its offices in Louisville, Lexington and Frankfort, Kentucky, Jeffersonville, Indiana, Nashville and Franklin, Tennessee, Atlanta, Georgia, and Alexandria, Virginia. The firm primarily focuses on business litigation, intellectual property and bankruptcy, with some occasional work in health law and environmental litigation.

Charles "Mike" Cronan focuses on civil litigation, with an emphasis on business and complex litigation and health care law. The former Managing Partner of Stites, he is viewed by peers as "the lead litigator at the firm." Peers also mention **Carol Browning's** products liability practice, which focuses on work for hospitals and health care centers. **Joel Beres** and **David Nagle** receive mention for their intellectual property capabilities, which is evidenced by their work for Microsoft; they have pursued and subsequently obtained monetary damages or injunctions from dozens of vendors of counterfeit Microsoft software products. Peers call **Phil Collier** "bright and thorough" in his work for the firm's complex business litigation practice. He is known for being "a tenacious, persistent, intelligent litigator who will get the facts, put them together, and not let go."

Stoll Keenon Ogden

The product of a 2006 merger, Stoll Keenon Ogden makes its debut as a highly recommended firm in this year's rankings. Since the merger, the firm has acquired a statewide presence with offices in Louisville, Lexington, Frankfort and Henderson. The firm handles general litigation as well as products liability, land-use litigation, and the state-specific practice of equine law. Peers rate the firm's attorneys as "very strong litigators."

Samuel Hinkle heads the firm's general business litigation group. He practices commercial and complex civil litigation, and peers call him "excellent and a true gentleman with regard to courtroom manner." **Perry Bentley** focuses on personal injury, motor vehicle accident, fire and explosion cases, insurance defense, professional negligence, insurance fraud and bad faith litigation. Peers refer to him as "a big-time litigator." Also mentioned is **Douglas Barr**, a trial lawyer who focuses on complex business litigation, including intellectual property and employment litigation. Senior partner **John Ballantine**, called a "very established lawyer" by peers, focuses specifically on professional liability litigation and medical malpractice defense cases. Several peers recommend **David Royse** as a future star for his medical malpractice and personal injury work.

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs serves the greater Kentucky markets, with offices in Louisville and Lexington, as well as Tennessee,

Mississippi, Indiana and Colorado. Peers rave that the firm is “great, highly recommended” and that it has a “good, deep litigation department, with an excellent general commercial practice.”

K. Gregory Haynes receives numerous mentions from the local legal community, with peers calling him “a top quality litigator,” “a skillful litigator,” and “outstanding since the 1980s.” He concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and has had lead counsel and case management responsibility in class actions, shareholder derivative and complex securities cases. **M. Stephen Pitt** focuses on complex commercial litigation, toxic torts, coal supply contract, CERCLA, environmental, antitrust and criminal litigation matters, and peers say “we regularly see him, and he does a great job.” **Virginia Snell** is mentioned for her appellate practice; she regularly represents high-profile clients like Wal-Mart. **Cornelius Coryell** receives accolades for his commercial litigation, banking litigation, UCC litigation, products liability and personal injury practice. Peers recommend **Byron Leet** as a future star in civil and commercial litigation.

Recommended firms

Dinsmore & Shohl

Cincinnati, Ohio-based Dinsmore & Shohl enjoys an increasing presence in Kentucky, with offices in Lexington, Louisville, and as of May of 2009, Frankfort. **Barbara Edelman** garners several peer commendations as “a trailblazer in the Lexington litigation market.” Edelman focuses on commercial litigation and many types of business disputes. Over the last year, she successfully represented Duke University in a breach of contract dispute against University of Louisville. Peers tip **Grahmn Morgan** as a future star, noting that “he has a ton of promise” for his defense of companies and their management in class actions, products liability, fiduciary, and contract litigation.

Fultz Maddox Hovious & Dickens

Making its debut in the Kentucky rankings this year, Louisville-based boutique Fultz Maddox Hovious & Dickens prides itself on being a stable of true trial lawyers that are tenacious and results-driven. The firm often takes cases from larger firms and, according to one peer, “gets results more quickly than a

larger firm could.” Managing partner **Benjamin Fultz**, regarded by peers as “someone worth noting,” has experience in complex litigation, corporate litigation and health care issues. Competitors call civil trial lawyer **Gregg Hovious** “a tiger” who “takes no prisoners.” Appellate lawyer **Victor Maddox** is mentioned for his experience and “unflinching willingness to try difficult cases.”

Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice

One of the smaller Louisville firms, Reed Weitkamp Schell & Vice maintains an active litigation practice, and its lawyers engage in a wide range of trial, appellate and administrative practices and alternative dispute resolution before federal and state courts, administrative tribunals, arbitration panels and mediators throughout Kentucky and across the country. **John Reed** is revered in the community as being “excellent and so thorough” in his antitrust practice, which includes acting as local counsel alongside a much larger national firm on a billion-dollar antitrust case. Competitors point to **David Hale** as a future star in the areas of business and insurance litigation.

