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Adam Smith is a Member of the firm in the Lexington office and a member of the Construction Service Group. Adam's litigation practice is focused on representing owners, contractors and subcontractors in construction disputes. Adam has successfully advocated for and collaborated with clients across a wide range of businesses and industries and has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation in federal and state trial and appellate courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings. In addition to commercial litigation, Adam has experience in practice areas that include white collar defense, securities litigation and regulatory compliance.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Construction
- Fabricated Structural Steel
- Litigation & Appeals

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Information You Need on the COVID-19 Coronavirus *Stites & Harbison, PLLC* March 2020
- Choice of Law and Your Construction Contract *Stites & Harbison* Client Alert, August 28, 2018
- WannaCry Ransomware Attack Underscores Cyber Risks to the Construction Industry *Stites & Harbison* Legal Update, July 24, 2017
- Digital Fortress
Modern Steel Construction, May 2017

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Office of General Counsel, Ethics Subcommittee, Member
- Lexington Office Recruiting Committee, former Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Board Chair
- Downtown Lexington Partnership, Board of Directors (2023-present)
- OperaLex, past Board of Directors

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School J.D. *cum laude* 2007

- *Cornell Law Review*, Editor

Rice University B.A., English 1999

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Before joining Stites & Harbison, Adam was an associate with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (2007-11) and Dewey Pegno & Kramarsky LLP (2011-14), both in New York City. From 2000 to 2004, he was a project manager with Scholastic, Inc., also in New York. He earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Cornell Law School in 2007. While in law school, he was an editor of the *Cornell Law Review*. He earned his B.A. in English from Rice University in Houston in 1999.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Construction (2022-24)