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Rebecca M.W. Sherman is the Firm's Recruiting Chair and member of the Construction Service Group. Rebecca's practice focuses on advising clients throughout all phases of construction projects including planning, contract drafting and negotiation, and project administration. She has also represented various construction stakeholders in construction disputes, arbitration, and litigation. Rebecca's primary focus is representing developers, owners, and contractors in negotiating agreements related to the procurement, design, construction, and operation of hyperscale, enterprise, and colocation data centers across the United States. This includes project development, geotechnical, design, construction, commissioning, equipment, and other goods and services agreements. She has extensive experience in developing, negotiating, and managing contracts for leading companies in the data center industry.

Rebecca also routinely represents professional athletes and entertainers in contract negotiations, business advice, and litigation matters. She has also handled a variety of business and litigation matters for national corporations and local businesses.

Rebecca is a 2022 Diversity Fellow for the American Bar Association's Forum on Construction Law and is an Associate Fellow inductee with the Construction Lawyers Society of America. She serves as Chair for the Board of Directors of the Lexington Humane Society, and is a member of the Steering Committee for Leadership Lexington. Rebecca is Past Chair of the Bluegrass Community Foundation 365 Steering Committee, and serves on various committees for LexArts, a nonprofit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in central Kentucky.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Construction
- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Sports & Entertainment

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- LexArts Elects Rebecca M.W. Sherman to Board of Directors
by staff writer, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, September 6, 2023
- Chapter 4 – Dealing with Construction Technology in Law Practice
Technology in Construction Law, American Bar Association, August 2023
- NIL Compensation for High School Athletes: The Future is Now with *Michael Denbow* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 27, 2022
- Kentucky’s “Pay to Portray Act” Signed into Law March 9, 2022 *Stites & Harbison, PLLC*. Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 11, 2022
- NIL Update – Should Student Athletes Seek Professional Advice? with *Michael Denbow* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 27, 2021
- Kentucky Joins Growing Number of States Allowing Student-Athletes to Receive Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) Compensation with *Michael Denbow* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, July 2, 2021
- Lexington library opens family patio space at Northside Branch
By Steve Rogers, WTVQ.com, May 12, 2021
- COVID-19’S Impact on the Construction Industry
Speaker, 2020 Construction Law Institute, UK/CLE, November 11, 2020
- Slow Payment Costs General Contractors and Subcontractors Billions *Stites & Harbison, PLLC*.
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, October 31, 2019
- Healthcare facilities construction contracts with *Megan K. George* Medical News, April 29, 2019
- Building Blocks of Construction Contracts with *Megan K. George* Modern Contractor Solutions,
December 2018

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Firm Recruiting Committee, Chair
- Lexington Office Recruiting Committee, Co-Chair
- Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (2021)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law , 2022 Diversity Fellowship
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association , Young Lawyers' Division, Past President
- Fayette County Women Lawyers Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Lexington Humane Society, Chair of the Board of Directors
- LexArts, Board of Directors (2023-present); Corporate Giving Committee; Horse Mania Committee
- Bluegrass Community Foundation, BGCF365 Steering Committee, Past Chair
- Leadership Lexington, Steering Committee Member; Alumni Association Board Member
- Leadership Lexington, Class of 2018-19
- Elevate Kentucky, Class of 2017
- Junior League of Lexington, Member
- Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Housing Solutions Committee, past member
- OperaLex, past Board Member

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law J.D. *cum laude*

- Order of the Coif
- *Kentucky Law Journal*, Vol. 101, Production Editor
- Trial Advocacy Board, Top Advocate

University of Kentucky B.S., Philosophy & Psychology *magna cum laude & summa cum laude*

- Provost Scholarship
- National Excellence Scholarship
- Kappa Delta
- University of Kentucky Equestrian Team

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Rebecca was an attorney for a large U.S. law firm, where she gained extensive experience in complex commercial litigation in federal and state trial and appellate courts. She earned her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law, *cum laude* and Order of the Coif, and was Production Editor for the *Kentucky Law Journal*.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law (2022-24)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Construction Law; Entertainment and Sports Law; and Litigation - Construction (2021)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2017-24)