

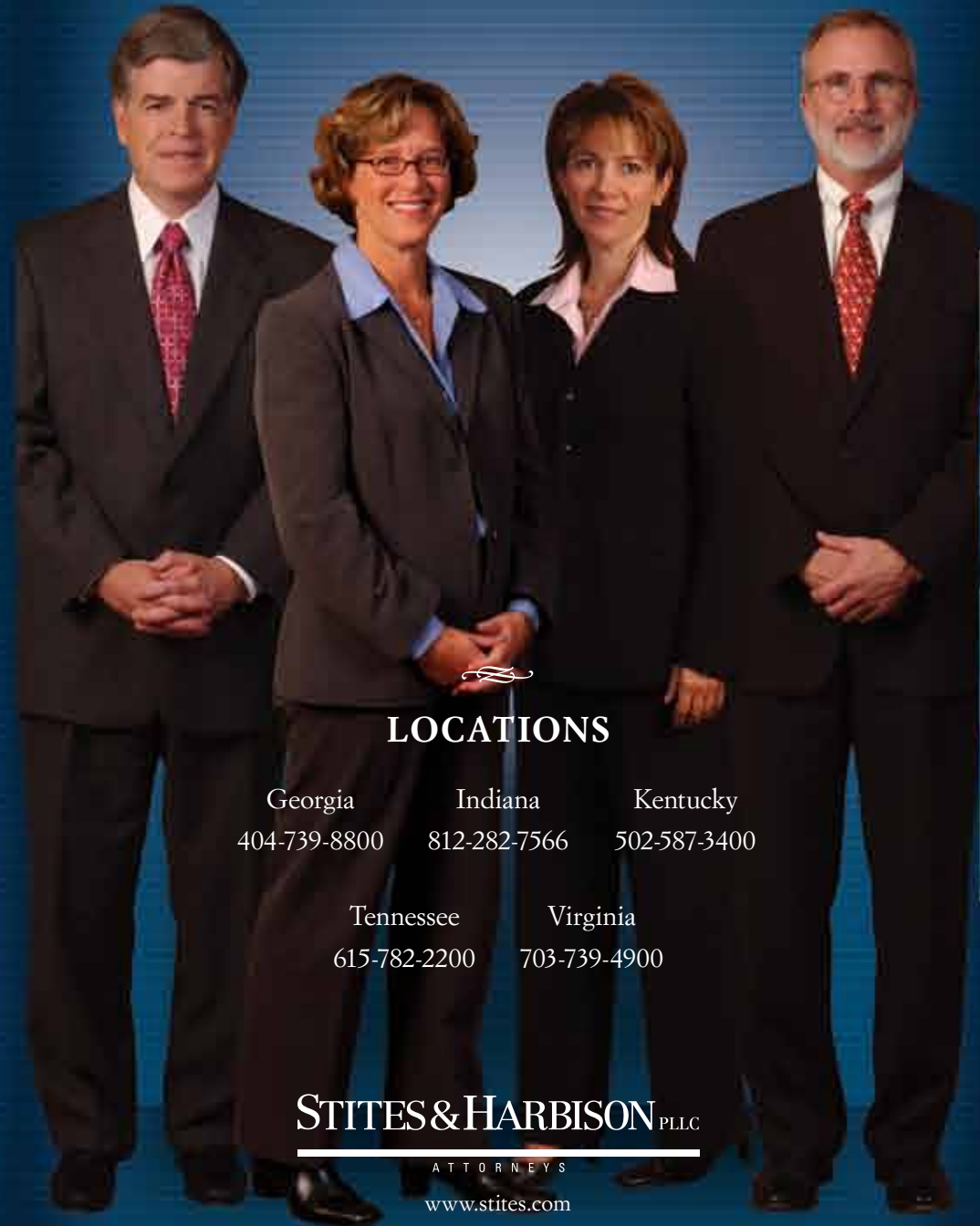


## SETTING THE STANDARD

Stites & Harbison is a preeminent, 250-lawyer firm serving leading businesses and institutions across the nation. In 2010, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* awarded Stites & Harbison 47 First Tier Ratings, placing us 26th among the approximately 9000 U.S. law firms surveyed. We are also one of the oldest law practices in the country, tracing our founding to Abraham Lincoln's attorney general. The satisfaction of our clients is paramount. Our attorneys combine an in-depth understanding of your industry with a level of personal service and overall value that is second to none. In our most recent client survey, 99% said they would recommend us to their peers. From difficult litigation to complex business matters, Stites & Harbison is prepared to meet all of your legal needs.

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Stites & Harbison delivers innovative and aggressive advocacy in the defense of product manufacturers and their insurers.

We are trial and appellate lawyers who defend complex, high-profile lawsuits involving allegations of wrongful death, personal injury, or catastrophic loss. We are experienced in serial litigation, mass torts, class actions, and MDLs.

We serve as national and regional product liability defense counsel for a wide range of medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Attorneys in the firm hold undergraduate or graduate degrees in all engineering disciplines, as well as chemistry, biology, and other life sciences. Although based in the southeast, Stites & Harbison's attorneys have served as lead trial counsel in 43 states.

We have eight offices in five states, a support staff of 300, and a seamless computer and communications network linking the entire firm.

Look to us to:

- formulate sophisticated and effective defense strategies
- understand and persuasively brief key legal issues
- identify, manage, and know the contents of relevant documents
- conduct effective and savvy e-discovery
- protect privileged, proprietary or confidential information
- ensure that good faith discovery responses are accurate and uniform
- prepare all employees at all levels for optimal deposition performance
- create and maintain databases and literature files
- identify knowledgeable and effective experts
- challenge or discredit unscientific testimony



## INVOLVED

Members and associates actively participate in major profession organizations devoted to the defense of drug and medical device companies.

- DRI
- Product Liability Advisory Council
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Lawyers for Civil Justice

We serve on editorial boards of product liability publications, write and publish useful articles, serve in leadership roles within defense groups, and speak on product liability, expert witness, and trial strategy topics at national and regional seminars.

For a recent example, see "Expert Reports," Ch. 4 in *Litigators on Experts*, ed. W. Couture, et al. (2010).

## SERIOUS ABOUT SERVICE

Stites & Harbison is committed to client service through our Service Promise:

1. You will always be able to reach us
2. You can talk to us
3. We will offer real world, cost-effective solutions
4. We will try to anticipate your needs
5. We will respond promptly
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- Edge International recognized our managing partner as one of the Top 10 in the country
- *Corporate Counsel* chose us as a Go-To Law Firm® in litigation
- *The American Lawyer* rated us one of the leading firms in America
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 named 73 Stites & Harbison lawyers to its Best Lawyers lists
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