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A trial attorney, Brian Butler has tried over 100 jury trials. Most recently, Brian had his own firm where he handled high-profile criminal defense cases, including numerous white collar cases, in United States District Court and state trial courts in Kentucky and Indiana. Prior to locating to Louisville, Brian was a United States Navy Judge Advocate (JAG) where he served as a military prosecutor and a military criminal defense attorney. During his career as a federal prosecutor, Brian prosecuted federal crimes including drug trafficking, Title III (wiretap) cases, firearm cases, violent crimes and numerous other federal crimes. Most recently Brian owned his own firm where he handled high-profile criminal defense cases. He regularly practices in both federal and state courts in Kentucky and Indiana.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Kentucky's self-defense laws negated possible homicide charges in Breonna Taylor's death by Andrew Wolfson, *Courier Journal*, September 24, 2020
- High-profile local defense attorney leaves his firm to join Stites & Harbison as member By Sarah Shadburne, *Louisville Business First*, August 13, 2020
- Former federal prosecutor joins Stites & Harbison in Louisville *The Lane Report*, August 7, 2020

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School J.D. 1995

- Harold Weber Award for Oral Advocacy
- Dean's List
- National Moot Court Team

University of Kentucky B.A., with honors 1991

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Brian started his legal career as a Judge Advocate General with the United States Navy (1995-98). He then joined the Commonwealth of Kentucky Attorney's office (1999-2004) as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and Chief of a General Trial Unit where he prosecuted and tried numerous murder cases while also supervising multiple prosecutors and staff as Chief of the General Trial Unit (2002-04); prosecuted crimes against children and domestic violence cases (1999-2001); and was selected to serve as adjunct faculty at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, where he taught trial advocacy to prosecutors from every jurisdiction in the U.S. (2000-04). Brian then joined the United States Attorney's Office (2004-06) as Assistant U.S. Attorney where he prosecuted federal crimes including drug trafficking, Title III (wiretap) cases, firearms cases, violent crimes and numerous other federal crimes; successfully tried multiple jury trials; redrafted and assisted in implementing the U.S. Attorney's Office's policy for selecting and prosecuting gun crimes and served as the Gang Crimes Coordinator for the Western District of Kentucky. After leaving the public defense practice, he was a Member of Dathorne & Butler (2007-20) where he was a successful trial attorney. Brian has served as a legal expert for local television and print media.

ACCOLADES

- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2012-present)
- *Louisville Magazine*, Top Lawyers
- Recipient of two Navy Achievement Medals for litigation success as a United States Navy JAGC