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Carolyn Purcell Michener is an attorney in the Louisville office and a member of the **Business Litigation** Service Group. Carolyn has a diverse litigation practice that includes **professional liability defense** and **product liability defense**.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Appellate Advocacy
- Business Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Real Estate & Land Use Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Obtained dismissal in defamation case by invoking the judicial statements privilege.
- Obtained dismissal, on the basis of statute of limitations, of malicious prosecution and abuse of process claims asserted against a lawyer.
- Counsel for distributor of pigments and minerals in defense of claims of alleged asbestos exposure.
- Obtained dismissal in federal court of fraud, breach of contract, and various other claims asserted against national mortgage servicer on grounds of judicial estoppel.
- Recent opinion from Kentucky Court of Appeals, affirming the trial court, dismissing legal malpractice case on grounds of res judicata and lack of causation
- Successfully argued a motion to compel arbitration in a breach of warranty action in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Indiana
- Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Office of General Counsel, Ethics Subcommittee, Member
- Louisville Office Recruiting Committee, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- Louis D. Brandeis American Inn of Court, Associate (2019-22)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Fund for the Arts, NeXtGen Board of Directors (2020-23)
- Fund for the Arts NeXt Ambassador, Class of 2020

EDUCATION

University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D. *summa cum laude* 2016

- *University of Louisville Law Review*, Articles Selection Editor, Vol. 54; "'Eighty-Six' our Wage and Hour Laws: Wage Theft in Kentucky's Restaurant Industry;" *University of Louisville Law Review Online*, 54 U. Louisville L. Rev. Online 39-59 (2015)
- Wagner Labor and Employment Moot Court Competition, National Championship Team
- American Bar Association Arbitration Competition (2015)
- Labor and Employment Law Society, President
- Research Assistant to Prof. JoAnne Sweeny (2015-16)
- Leon Seidman Memorial Award and Samuel L. Greenebaum Award for Achievement in Legal Writing
- Carl A. Warns, Jr. Award and ABA-BNA Award for Excellence in Labor Law
- Brandeis Honor Society, member and recipient of "Brandeis Best" Award

University of Louisville B.A., Communications 2008

- Dean's Scholar
- UPS Metropolitan College program

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Carolyn joined the firm after serving for a year as a law clerk to the Hon. Charles R. Simpson, III, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. She is a coach of the Wagner Labor and Employment Moot Court team at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law (2016-present). Carolyn is a member of the Fund for the Arts NeXtGen board after graduating from the NeXt Ambassador Class of 2020.

In her spare time, Carolyn enjoys going to the theatre, traveling, and spending time with her family.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2020-23)