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Dan Danford practices with the Business Litigation Service Group and Torts & Insurance Practice Service Group and is primarily involved in defending complex business and product liability claims. Mr. Danford has defended a number of class action product liability suits involving pharmaceuticals, tires, insulating materials, light fixtures, dishware, electrical systems, construction materials, specialty rifles, automotive windshields and various cases involving financial services such as waste collection fees.

Dan also wears an administrative law hat, participating as counsel to the Hearing Committee of the United States Equestrian Federation in approximately 100 administrative hearings each year.

Mr. Danford has briefed and argued numerous cases before various appellate courts including the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and in 1999 he argued and won a landmark case before the Kentucky Supreme Court extending the standard for expert admissibility to all expert witnesses.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Administrative Law
- Appellate Advocacy
- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Environmental Litigation
- Equine Practice
- Litigation & Appeals
- Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Defending class action claims and an Attorney General action in Kentucky involving the schedule II pain medication, OxyContin
- Defending class action claims in Memphis, Tennessee, concerning rate increases by a major waste management company
- Defending a major chemical corporation against multi-plaintiff actions involving alleged damages from a chemical release. The case resulted in two major federal trials in 2009 and 2010
- Selected to reverse on appeal a multi-million dollar fee awarded in bankruptcy court to an investment brokerage firm

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- 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 Western District of Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Will COVID-19 Toll the Statute of Limitations in Product Liability Actions? Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 22, 2020

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Office of General Counsel
- Management Committee, Former Member
- Recruiting Committee, Lexington Office, Former Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Foundation
- Defense Research Institute

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Lexington Rotary Club, Member
- God's Pantry Food Bank, Board of Directors
- First Alliance Church, Member and Board of Directors

## EDUCATION

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Vanderbilt University Law School J.D. 1996

- National Moot Court Team; Moot Court Board

University of Wisconsin M.S., Speech Pathology 1982

University of Denver B.A., Speech Pathology 1980

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Mr. Danford's first career was focused on rehabilitation of adult stroke and laryngectomy patients as a Speech-Language Pathologist. Dan is a member of the Lexington Rotary Club, serves as an Elder on the Board of his church and organizes Rt. 56, a Sunday school class for fifth and sixth graders. He also coaches his daughter's soccer and basketball teams. An active husband and father, he longs for the day when his daughters are old enough to accompany him on a second trek along the Appalachian Trail.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation (2013-21)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers* (2011-16)
- *Benchmark Litigation* magazine, Litigation Star (2015-19)