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Drake Staples is an attorney in the firm's Lexington, Kentucky office and a member of the Construction Service Group. He routinely advocates for clients across a wide range of businesses and industries and has extensive experience researching, drafting and arguing substantive motions, and preparing for mediation and complex commercial litigation in federal and state trial and appellate courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Construction
- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Litigation & Appeals

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association , Member
- Kentucky Bar Association , Member
- Fayette County Bar Association , Member

## EDUCATION

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University of Kentucky College of Law J.D. 2016

- *Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture & Natural Resources Law*, Executive Operations Editor, Symposium Committee, Staff Editor
- National Tax Moot Court Competition, Oral Argument Semi-finalist (2015, 2016), Appellate Brief Award (2015)

University of Kentucky B.B.A., Finance & Marketing *cum laude* 2013

- Departmental Honors in Finance & Marketing

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Prior to joining the firm, Drake was an attorney with two firms in Lexington and was a tax associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Cincinnati.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law (2023)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2022-23)