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Greg Parsons is a Member of the firm in the Lexington office and a member of the Construction Service Group. Greg has represented construction and business clients for thirty-nine years. The construction clients he has represented include general contractors, owners, subcontractors and steel fabricators. He has also handled matters for various businesses, financial institutions, municipalities and universities. He regularly reviews, drafts and advises clients regarding construction contracts and other related agreements. Greg also counsels project participants on risk allocation, claim avoidance and resolution. He mediates disputes both as an advocate and neutral. He has litigated and arbitrated disputes involving various construction issues such as construction defects, design errors, delays, changes in scope and code compliance. He has handled construction/business litigation and arbitration matters in various jurisdictions, including Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Minnesota, Connecticut, West Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Florida, and the U. S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. Greg is a member of the American Arbitration Association's Panel of Construction Arbitrators.

# CAPABILITIES

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## Practice Areas

- Appellate Advocacy
- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Construction
- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Fabricated Structural Steel
- Federal, State & Local Public Construction and Procurement
- Litigation & Appeals
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Sustainability & Emerging Technology

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Represented a steel fabricator in an arbitration involving suspension and termination for convenience claims.
- Represented a coatings subcontractor in a lawsuit involving delay and re-sequencing claims on a large industrial project.
- Served as co-counsel for a steel fabricator in a lawsuit involving the construction of a transportation facility containing over 6000 tons of structural steel, which resulted in the client receiving a settlement in excess of \$10,000,000.
- Arbitrated claims arising from construction of a large refrigerated distribution center.
- Handled federal court construction case concerning a municipal sewage facility that involved construction defects and engineering issues.
- Advised construction client regarding multi-million dollar claim for equitable adjustment and retainage.
- Prepared and negotiated construction contracts for university-client's facilities.
- Regularly review and advise publicly-traded company regarding its subsidiaries' contracts.
- Advises clients regarding both design and construction master services agreements.
- Served as co-counsel for a contractor in a multi-issue, multi-million dollar three-month arbitration involving a manufacturing facility resulting in a favorable award for client.
- Obtained a summary judgment for a large general contractor against an owner awarding our client \$1.5 million in damages including out-of-pocket costs, lost profits, and attorney's fees.
- Won an arbitration award on behalf of a hotel owner against a contractor for negligent misrepresentation regarding the construction budget and recovered substantial cost overruns, despite the fact that parties had a cost-plus contract with no guaranteed maximum price.
- Represented a bank at trial resulting in a judgment of approximately \$2 million in favor of our client that included an award of compensatory damages and treble damages, plus attorney's fees for claims of fraud, breach of contract, conversion and piercing the corporate veil.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Preventing Structural Failures Through Improved Communication of Design Intent
- Formula for a Project Train Wreck: Incomplete Information + Inadequate Communication X Ineffective Management = Expensive but Avoidable Litigation  
NASCC: The Steel Conference, Denver, CO, March 23-25, 2022
- New Executive Directives by President Biden Strengthen Existing Buy American Act Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 5, 2021
- The Trial of Complex Construction Cases  
Speaker, 2020 Construction Law Institute, UK/CLE, November 12, 2020
- Enhancing the Prospects for Contractors to Have Insurance Coverage for Their Subcontractors' Defective Work Stites & Harbison Client Alert, July 6, 2020
- Court Dismisses New York Firm's Claims on Solomini  
By Eric Mitchell, *BloodHorse*, June 11, 2020
- Navigating Legal Pitfalls in Municipal Construction Projects  
Kentucky League of Cities 2018 Conference and Expo, Louisville, Kentucky, September 18, 2018
- The steel tariff. What does it mean to the construction industry and to individual steel fabricators? with *Steven M. Henderson* and *David B. Ratterman* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 13, 2018
- Making Sense of 2017 AIA Contract Documents  
Stites & Harbison, PLLC, presentations in Covington and Lexington, Kentucky, June 2017
- 2017 Release of Revised AIA Standard Form Agreements Stites & Harbison, PLLC Legal Update, May 3, 2017

- Capital Construction Process for Small Institutions  
NACUBO 2015, Nashville, TN, July 21, 2015
- U.S. Supreme Court enforces forum selection clause in a construction contract Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 16, 2013
- How effective are forum selection clauses in design or construction contracts? Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 30, 2013
- Green Law: A Collection of Case Studies and Lessons Learned  
American Institute of Architects Trade Fair, Louisville, Kentucky, February 26, 2013
- The American Institute of Architects Releases New Sustainable Project Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Client Alert, May 2, 2012
- Customized Arbitration Clauses  
CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, spring meeting, 2006
- Alternative Dispute Resolution in Equine Law  
Annual National Conference on Equine Law sponsored by University of Kentucky College of Law, May 2005
- Mediation and Arbitration, Getting Your Money's Worth  
Kentucky Society for Professional Engineers Annual Convention, April 2004
- Getting Your Money and Your Money's Worth  
Associated General Contractors of Kentucky, March 2004
- Getting Your Money's Worth in Campus Construction  
Morehead State University, October 2003
- Kentucky Construction Law—Can this Job be Saved?  
Lorman Education Seminar, August 2000
- Mediating the Complex Dispute  
presentation at the Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention, June 1999
- Construction Contracting for Public Entities in Kentucky  
Lorman Education Services, March 1999
- Kentucky Lien Law  
National Business Institute, May 1998

- Kentucky Lien Law  
National Business Institute, May 1997

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Office of General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel
- Ethics Committee, Member
- Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Member (2021)
- Management Committee, 2006-10, 2014-17
- Lexington Office Executive Member, 2011-15
- Construction Service Group, past Chair
- Recruiting Committee, past Chair

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Arbitration Association , Panel of Construction Arbitrators
- American Bar Association , Member
- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law
- American College of Construction Lawyers , Fellow
- Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA) , Charter Fellow
- Kentucky Bar Association , Member
- Fayette County Bar Association , Member

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Lexington Forum, Director, Past President

## EDUCATION

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University of Kentucky College of Law J.D. 1982

University of Kentucky B.A., with distinction, Business Administration 1979

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Greg served as Chair of the Kentucky Bar Association Inquiry Commission from 2012 to 2017 and as member of the Kentucky Bar Associations Commission on the Future of Legal Services in Kentucky from 2017 to 2018.

## BESIDES STITES & HARBISON

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Greg enjoys music, fitness training, golf, movies and investing.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law and Litigation - Construction (2007-24)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Lexington Area Lawyer of the Year for Construction Law (2013, 2020, 2024)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Lexington Area Lawyer of the Year for Litigation - Construction (2012, 2015, 2022)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2007-20, 2023-24)
- *Benchmark Litigation* magazine, Litigation Star (2015-24)

## TESTIMONIALS

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" I have the greatest respect for Greg Parsons and would highly recommend him. "  
- *Best Lawyers, 2009*

" His calm, respectful demeanor in the courtroom . . . great source of strength and confidence for me . . . "  
- *Best Lawyers, 2009*

" . . . one of the best attorneys that the Bank could have retained . . . very knowledgeable and well-prepared . . . "  
- *Best Lawyers, 2009*