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Josh Barnette is an attorney in the firm's Lexington office. He is a member of the Torts & Insurance Practice Service Group and an affiliate member of the Business Litigation Service Group. Josh focuses his practice on torts, insurance, white collar criminal defense, civil rights, products liability, and general business litigation.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Product Liability Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense Litigation

## 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

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- No Good Deed: Protecting Yourself and Your Business from a Governmental Investigation Concerning Your PPP Loan *with Michael Denbow* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 13, 2020
- Kentucky Enacts Certificate of Merit Requirement for Filing Medical Liability Cases *with Ashley W. Ward* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, July 23, 2019

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Diversity Committee, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ( KACDL)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- AthensWest Theatre Company, Board Member (2018-present)
- Seedleaf, Inc., Board Member (2018-present)

## EDUCATION

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University of Kentucky College of Law J.D. 2017

- *Kentucky Law Journal*, Managing Articles Editor (2016-17), Staff Editor (2015-16)
- CALI Award in Legal Research and Writing; Central Kentucky American Inn of Court Pupil (2016-17)
- Trial Advocacy Board (2015-16)
- 2015 Kentucky Mock Trial Championship Finalist
- United States District Court Fellow (2015-16)
- Student Public Interest Law Foundation, Vice President of Fundraising
- International Law Society, member
- Women's Law Caucus; Student Bar Association

Columbus State University Master of Public Administration 2008

Mercer University B.S., Social Science, Criminal Justice Minor in Psychology 2002

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Josh came to the firm after serving as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky. Previously, he participated in the firm's summer associate program and served as a legal intern for the Hon. Karen K. Caldwell, Chief U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky. Before going to law school, Josh was a United States Probation Officer for the Northern District of Georgia and served as a Management Specialist and Probation Officer for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Outside of the firm, Josh enjoys domestic and international travel – especially when paired with culinary indulgences – and loves all things outdoors, particularly hiking and camping. He is active in the Lexington community, serving on the Board of two local non-profits, AthensWest Theatre Company and Seedleaf, Inc. He routinely looks for ways to stretch the boundaries of his comfort zone and, in doing so, has found himself participating in multiple 200+ mile relay runs and one ultramarathon.