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Luke Ervin is a transactional attorney in the firm's Louisville office where he is a member of the Business & Finance Service Group. Luke's practice is devoted to a wide range of legal issues implicated by business transactions. He focuses on matters related to public finance and municipal bonds, mergers and acquisitions, organizational governance and general business and financial services.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Airport Law
- Aviation
- Business Services
- Commercial Finance
- Corporate General Services
- Economic Development
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Tax-Exempt Debt Financing

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Served as underwriter's counsel in the issuance by a county of over \$14 million in tax-exempt urban renewal revenue bonds.
- Served as underwriter's counsel in the issuance by a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of certain local governments of over \$13 million in tax-exempt industrial building revenue bonds to loan to a university organized as nonprofit corporation to finance upgrades to a campus center building.
- Served as bond counsel and borrower's counsel in the issuance by a municipality of a tax-exempt variable rate demand industrial building revenue refunding note to loan to a university organized as nonprofit corporation to refinance outstanding tax-exempt debt.
- Served as company counsel in a ESOP transaction.
- Served as underwriter's counsel in the issuance by a municipal utility of over \$19 million in tax-exempt refunding revenue bonds.
- Served as bond counsel in the issuance by a corporation of \$60 million in variable rate multiple draw taxable demand notes.
- Served as bond counsel in the issuance by a quasi-municipal corporation of over \$150 million in tax-exempt revenue and refunding revenue bonds.
- Represented the purchaser in the purchase of \$11 million in assets related to a horse racing park.
- Served as bond counsel in the issuance by a corporation of over \$10 million in variable rate multiple draw taxable demand notes.
- Served as bond counsel in the issuance by a municipality of a tax-exempt industrial building revenue note to loan to a high school organized as a nonprofit corporation to finance its athletic facilities.
- Represented the sellers in the sale to a private equity firm of the stock of a manufacturing business.
- Represented the sellers in the sale to a private equity firm of the stock of a retail business.
- Represented a boutique hotel management company in the sale of the majority of its ownership interests.

- Served as underwriter’s counsel in multiple issuances by a public agency consisting of municipal utilities, of over \$150 million in tax-exempt revenue refunding bonds and of over \$20 million in tax-exempt forward delivery revenue refunding bonds.
- Served as bond counsel in transactions that helped bourbon distillers secure over \$1 billion in property tax relief in connection with the construction of barrel warehouses.
- Advises airports and other governmental entities regarding responses to open records requests and compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.
- Advises a governmental agency regarding its tax incentive and economic development programs.
- Assists large and mid-market size companies, small businesses, nonprofit entities and individuals with general business and financial matters, ranging from entity formation, to financing, to contract drafting, analysis and negotiation, to asset and equity purchases and sales.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- The New Stimulus Package and the Next Round of Paycheck Protection Program Loans *with Brian A. Cromer , William M. Joseph (Bill) , and Alison M. Zeitlin* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, January 12, 2021
- Introduction to the Legal Aspects of Starting a Business participation in Spanish-speaking radio show Hablemos de Negocios con Israel Cuenca, September 8, 2018
- SEC Amends Municipal Securities Disclosure Rule, Adding to List of "Event Notices" *with Alex P. Herrington Jr. (Mike)* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 28, 2018

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Louisville Office Recruiting Committee, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies, Board of Directors
- Leadership Kentucky, ELEVATE Kentucky Program, Class of 2020
- St. Xavier High School Emerging Leaders Society, Member

## EDUCATION

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University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D. *magna cum laude* 2017

- Brandeis Honor Society
- *University of Louisville Law Review*, Articles Selection Editor
- Top Grade Award in Legal Research, Civil Procedure I, and Basic Legal Skills (Legal Writing)
- Samuel L. Greenbaum Award for Achievement in Legal Writing
- Bench & Bar Fund Scholarship

Centre College B.A., Government and History 2014

- Dean's List
- Research paper, "Pressing into Privacy: The News Media and Public Opinion in the Lewinsky Scandal," selected for presentation at the 2014 Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- Centre College Football Team
- Study Abroad: Centre-in-Mérida, Mexico (Fall 2012)

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Luke, a Louisville native, graduated from St. Xavier High School, Centre College and the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. Before deciding to become a transactional attorney focused on business and finance, he gained exposure to many areas of the law, in a variety of work settings. Luke worked or interned for a family court judge, a mid-size litigation boutique, a small land use and real estate law firm, the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, and a Fortune 500 healthcare services company. He joined Stites & Harbison in 2017 after participating in the firm's summer associate program in 2016.

Luke's hobbies and interests include, but are not limited to, cooking, exercising, being outdoors (especially at his family home on Nolin Lake), and supporting the University of Louisville Cardinals and Denver Broncos.

## ACCOLADES

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- Kentucky Super Lawyers®, Rising Star (2023)