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Marc Murphy has been a courtroom attorney for his entire career, prosecuting and defending in the most challenging, high-profile and complex commercial and white collar criminal cases in Kentucky and Indiana.

As Chair of Stites' White Collar Practice Group and a Member of the firm's Class Action Practice Group, Mr. Murphy's practice consists of representing individuals and corporations in complex commercial litigation and white collar criminal matters, such as antitrust, environmental crimes, healthcare fraud and tax fraud. He defends individuals in high profile general criminal matters and accepts appointments by the courts for indigent representation as a public service. He has substantial experience in federal and administrative litigation and in federal and state grand jury investigations.

Mr. Murphy's success as a trial attorney has been widely-reported. He has tried two murder prosecutions to complete acquittals. He accepts capital crime appointments from the Jefferson County Public Defender. He is a frequent lecturer on crime and justice issues, and is a regular source and analyst for television and print publications.

# CAPABILITIES

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## Practice Areas

- Antitrust, Consumer Protection & Attorney General Defense
- Appellate Advocacy
- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Government & Regulatory Litigation
- Health Care
- Health Care - Regulatory & Compliance
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Pretrial Practice & eDiscovery
- Privacy & Data Security
- White Collar Criminal Defense Litigation

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Supreme Court of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- 20 People to Know in Law: Marc Murphy  
by Amy Higgs, *Louisville Business First*, May 25, 2023
- Four ex-coal mine officials cleared in Kentucky fraud trial  
by Dylan Lovan, *The Washington Post*, November 17, 2021
- Breonna Taylor Case Is Formidable Test for an Ascendant Attorney General  
by Campbell Robertson and Rick Rojas, *The New York Times*, September 24, 2020
- Kentucky's self-defense laws negated possible homicide charges in Breonna Taylor's death  
by Andrew Wolfson, *Courier Journal*, September 24, 2020
- Project CommUNITY: How a white Louisville attorney became a strong voice for Black lives  
by Betty Winston Bayé, WLKY, August 7, 2020
- Pepper fined \$100K, placed on probation for five years in money laundering case  
by Justin Story, *Bowling Green Daily News*, July 2, 2020
- Pandemic to Protests: How newly elected Governor Andy Beshear has effectively united and prepared Kentuckians for the times we live in  
by Cat Garcia, *Medium*, June 8, 2020
- End of an era: One of Louisville's most renowned law offices is no more  
by Andy Wolfson, *Courier Journal*, August 2, 2019
- A New Era of Justice for Businesses, Too? *Stites & Harbison, PLLC*. Stites & Harbison Client Alert, September 7, 2017
- Breakfast of Champions  
featured speaker, November 15, 2016
- Louisville Courier Journal's Editorial Cartoonist  
Featured on KET Louisville Life, February 2015

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- White Collar Practice Group, Chair
- Diversity Committee, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- American Health Lawyers Association , Fraud and Abuse practice group, member
- Louis D. Brandeis American Inn of Court , Masters (2018-19 program year)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Metro Louisville Legal Aid Campaign, Chairman
- Kentucky Juvenile Justice Commission, appointed by the Governor, Chairman
- Metro Louisville Library Task Force, appointed by the Mayor
- Louisville Neighborhood Institute and Community Design Center Member
- Kentucky Youth Association, Member
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Service Award
- Nativity Academy, inner-city school serving at-risk youth, Head Basketball Coach

## EDUCATION

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University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D. 1984

- *Law Review*, Manuscript Editor

University of Notre Dame B.A. *cum laude* 1981

- Phi Beta Kappa

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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In 1995, Marc was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky as Jefferson County/Louisville's Commonwealth's Attorney, the chief prosecutor and law enforcement officer of the largest city in the state. His service in Latin America and in Europe as a Judge Advocate General trial counsel and Assistant Staff Judge Advocate earned him Meritorious Service Medals. During that time, in addition to trial prosecution, he conducted murder investigations in El Salvador, Panama and Germany. After his Judge Advocate General service, Mr. Murphy was a felony prosecutor in Indiana, and, while in private practice there, served as a Judge Pro-Tem. He has taught criminal law, trial practice and business litigation for Florida State University and the University of Louisville.

Outside the firm, Mr. Murphy is active in numerous community groups. His involvement includes Metro Louisville Legal Aid Campaign, the Kentucky Juvenile Justice Commission, the Metro Louisville Library Task Force, the Louisville Neighborhood Institute and Community Design Center and the Kentucky Youth Association. He is the head basketball coach for Nativity Academy, an inner-city school serving at-risk youth. Marc is an accomplished illustrator and his editorial cartoons are a regular feature of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense: White Collar (2008-23)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Louisville Criminal Defense: White-Collar Lawyer of the Year (2018)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2008-20)
- *Chambers USA* "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Litigation: General Commercial (2013, 2014)
- *Louisville Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" for Litigation (2008) and for White Collar Criminal Defense (2013, 2014, 2016)

## TESTIMONIALS

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" . . . an incredibly well-prepared and talented commercial litigator. "  
- *Chambers USA*

" . . . highly recommended . . . "  
- *Chambers USA*