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Melissa Hunter Smith is a Member of the firm located in the Nashville office where she is a member of the Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group. Melissa's practice is primarily focused on patent litigation. Her practice also includes trademark and copyright litigation and prosecution matters.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Copyrights
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Trademarks

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Successfully obtained judgment as a matter of law in favor of the defendant in a patent infringement jury trial before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Participated in a jury trial for patent infringement that resulted in a multi-million dollar verdict for a client in the lighting industry

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Amazon Unveils Its Utility Patent Neutral Evaluation Procedure *with Joel T. Beres* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 13, 2019
- The Supreme Court Redefines 'Exceptionality' and Lowers Bar *with Joel T. Beres* Business Law Today, American Bar Association, Vol. 23, Issue 10, June 2014
- Supreme Court Issues Two Cases Controlling When Attorney's Fees May Be Awarded in Patent Suits *with Joel T. Beres* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 29, 2014
- Tennessee and Kentucky Draft Legislation Targeting Patent Trolls *Stites & Harbison, PLLC.* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 10, 2014

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Firm Recruiting Committee, Member
- Nashville Office Recruiting Committee, Chair

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Greater Nashville, Secretary of the Board of Directors
- Young Leaders Council, Class 50

## EDUCATION

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University of Tennessee College of Law J.D. 2007

- *Tennessee Law Review*, Member, Executive Editor, Third Year Editor Award
- Transactions: *The Tennessee Journal of Business Law*, Articles & Editor
- Frank Benson Creekmore Memorial Award

Lipscomb University B.A., Psychology *summa cum laude* 2004

- Provost Scholarship
- Alpha Chi Honor Society
- Psi Chi Honor Club
- Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
- Lipscomb Study Abroad Program in Greece

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Melissa serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Nashville. She is a graduate of the Young Leaders Council, Class 50.

Melissa enjoys hiking, traveling, and watching University of Tennessee football games.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2013-18)