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Charles Stopher is a litigation attorney in the firm's Louisville, Kentucky office. His focus is on civil trial work where he handles the defense of claims alleging personal injury, products liability, insurance bad faith, employment discrimination, professional liability, and breach of contract.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Product Liability Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith & Regulatory Litigation
- Health Care – Litigation & Investigations

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Lead trial counsel in \$350,000,000 personal injury lawsuit defending national insurance carrier on negligence and vicarious liability claims arising out of its emergency road service coverage.

- Affirmed before the Sixth Circuit an order granting summary judgment on bad faith, fraud, and conspiracy claims in a complex insurance coverage case.
- Affirmed before the Seventh Circuit an order granting summary judgment on race and gender discrimination claims.
- Obtained defense verdict at trial in \$20,000,000 insurance bad-faith claim.
- Acted as general counsel for regional accounting and business consulting firm.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- **Empathy as Evidence: Humanizing Long-Term Care Defense**

presenter, Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities' (KAHCF)/Kentucky Center for Assisted Living (KCAL)/Kentucky Senior Living Association (KSLA) 2025 Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, November 18-20, 2025 , with [Paige E. Riley](#)

- **These executives took on new roles in Q2 2024**

By David A. Mann, Managing editor, *Louisville Business First*, July 16, 2024 ,with [Edward H. Stopher](#)

- **Local Lawyers join Stites & Harbison**

by Piper Hansen, *Louisville Business First*, May 7, 2024 ,with [Edward H. Stopher](#)

- **Edward and Charles Stopher join Stites & Harbison**

by Editor, *The Lane Report*, April 17, 2024 ,with [Edward H. Stopher](#)

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association

## EDUCATION

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- University of Virginia School of Law J.D., 2005
- University of Virginia B.A., with distinction, 2001

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Charles started his legal career as a trial attorney at the Louisville Metro Public Defender's office (2006-10). Prior to that he clerked for Judge John G. Heyburn II, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Insurance; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Ones To Watch, Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021-25)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers®* (2023-24)
- *Benchmark Litigation* magazine, Litigation Star (2026)