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David Kinsella is Counsel in the firm's Lexington, Kentucky office, where he concentrates his practice on construction law and research. With more than three decades of legal experience spanning private practice, corporate and research organizations, and the university environment, he brings a seasoned, multidisciplinary perspective to advising clients. David represents owners and developers of large scale data centers across the United States, supporting fast paced and technologically complex construction and procurement projects. His work includes negotiating, drafting, and managing construction and vendor agreements and contracts and advice in support of other business sectors to ensure alignment with evolving operational, technical, and industry demands. With a great depth of experience supporting clinical trials, other research, and risk management, David provides proactive, timely guidance at all stages of investigation, development, launch, and post-approval with an eye toward compliance and risk reduction.

Before joining Stites & Harbison, David served as Senior Associate General Counsel at the University of Kentucky. Earlier in his career, he was Chief Legal Officer for Mapi Group (now ICON), where he led a global legal team and handled sophisticated business agreements, mergers and acquisitions, privacy matters, and intellectual property issues.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Copyrights
- Licensing
- Construction

- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Federal, State & Local Public Construction and Procurement
- Business Services
- Privacy & Data Security
- Data Center Service Group
- Clinical Research, Clinical Trials & Risk Management

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 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

- David L. Kinsella joins Stites & Harbison in Lexington
  by editor, *The Lane Report*, February 23, 2026

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association, Business, Health, & International Sections, May 1992 - Present
- Kentucky Bar Association, Business Law, Corporate House Counsel, & Health Law Sections, Oct 1992 - Present
- Fayette County Bar Association, Business / Corporate Section, Oct 1992 - Present
- Association of Corporate Counsel, Health Law, International Legal Affairs, Nov 2012 - Present; IT Privacy & Commerce, Law Department Management, & Small Law Departments committees; KY Chapter Board Member, 2018-21

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, May 1992 - Present
- Kentucky Colonel, October 1998 - present

EDUCATION

- University of Dayton School of Law J.D., 1992
- University of Kentucky B.B.A., Finance, Minor in Economics *With Distinction* 1989

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Before joining the firm, David served as Senior Associate General Counsel in the Office of Legal Counsel at the University of Kentucky. He previously held several senior legal roles, including Chief Legal Officer of Mapi Group (now ICON), a global contract research organization, and Assistant Director and Publications Director for the University of Kentucky Office of Continuing Legal Education. Earlier in his career, he practiced as an associate with two Lexington law firms and served as General Counsel for Van-American Insurance Company.