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Donovan Gibbs is a member of the Intellectual Property & Technology group, in the Louisville, Kentucky office. His practice focuses on counseling clients in litigation and transactional matters involving intellectual property. He assists clients with the selection, adoption, registration, and protection of their trademarks as well as registration of copyrights. He assists clients with a variety of transactional issues including those related to licensing of copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights. As someone who was once a college athlete himself, Donovan is passionate about providing counsel to players and protecting their NIL rights with a thoughtful and empathetic perspective, through lived experience.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Licensing
- Trademarks
- Copyrights
- Sports & Entertainment
- Intellectual Property Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- IP Rights That Go Bump in the Night: Horror Inc. v. Miller
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, October 23, 2024
- Things Advisors Should Know About NIL
speaker, Southern Indiana Estate Planning Council Meeting, New Albany, Ind., October 8, 2024
- Who Owns "Travis Kelce?" An Example of Legal Issues That Arise When Related Entities Apply for Similar Trademarks
Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal, Vol.36, No. 8, September 2024
- Opening Session - Bourbon Brings It Together: Bourbon and Intellectual Property
panelist, AUTM Central Region Meeting, Louisville, KY, July 15, 2024 ,with [Mandy Wilson Decker](#) and [Terry L. Wright](#)
- Who Owns TRAVIS KELCE?: An Example of the Legal Issues that Arise When Related Entities Apply for Similar Trademarks
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 8, 2024
- Trade Secrets Basics
Kentucky Intellectual Property Alliance (KYIPA) News, March 1, 2024 ,with [Patrick M. Torre](#)
- People on the Move in Louisville: Donovan D. Gibbs II
by editor, *Louisville Business First*, January 31, 2024

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association,
 - Intellectual Property (IP) Law Section Executive Committee, Vice Chair (2024-25)
 - PPA Committee Chair, IP Section (2023-24)
- Louisville Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana, Young Professionals Advisory Board (2024-present)
- Central High School, Street Law Program (2018-20)

EDUCATION

- University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law J.D., 2020
- IUPUI B.A., Criminal Justice, Certificate: Legal Studies (2017) 2014

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Donovan joins Stites & Harbison after working as a Compliance Oversight and Program Advancement, Legal & Business Advisor for Humana, Inc. He was also an IP attorney for a small firm in Louisville. Outside of work, Donovan is a life-long athlete and sports enthusiast. After completing his four years of Division-1 basketball, he continued to compete in semi-pro and pro-am leagues throughout Kentucky and Indiana. Aside from playing basketball, he enjoys all things active, including participating in 5Ks, boxing classes, and experimenting with yoga. He says learning to golf may be his next venture. Other than sports, Donovan loves to travel, visit museums, attend concerts, and spend time with his Cane Corso, Sosa.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Ones To Watch, Intellectual Property Law (2026)