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A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Ed Stopher has represented corporate and insurance clients in all federal courts in Kentucky, before the Court of Appeals in Kentucky, the Kentucky Supreme Court, and many state trial courts throughout the Commonwealth. He has tried more than 100 civil cases to verdict in Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, and Virginia.

In addition to defending various transportation entities, airlines and aircraft operators, truckers and trucking firms, gas transmission line operators, and other product liability and negligence cases, Mr. Stopher has actively defended insurance carriers in bad faith claims. His trial court experience includes the defense of pharmaceutical-related claims, product liability matters, professional negligence actions, and various negligence matters.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith & Regulatory Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Successfully defended Sherman Antitrust Act claims asserted by former football coach against the NCAA in *Bassett v. NCAA*, 528 F.3d 426, 430 (6th Cir. 2008).
- Successfully defended Sherman Antitrust Act claims asserted by basketball tournament promotor against the NCAA in *Bleid Sports, LLC v. NCAA*, 976 F. Supp. 2d 911 (E.D. Ky. 2013).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 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. Supreme Court

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- These executives took on new roles in Q2 2024

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

- Local Lawyers join Stites & Harbison

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

- Edward and Charles Stopher join Stites & Harbison

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

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- American College of Trial Lawyers,
 - Fellow
- International Society of Barristers,

- Fellow
- Sixth Circuit Review,
 - Founder
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers,
 - Fellow
- American Bar Foundation,
 - Fellow
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Kentucky Defense Counsel
- The Lawyers Club
- The Law Club

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia J.D., 1968
- Davidson College B.A., with honors, 1965

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Ed was a named-member of a mid-sized firm in the Louisville area where he served as Chair of the Civil Litigation Section.

ACCOLADES

- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants; and, Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants (1983-2026)
- Best Lawyers in America®, Louisville Area Lawyer of the Year in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants (2025)
- *Chambers USA*, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Litigation: Tort & Insurance Defense (2013-24)

- *Kentucky Super Lawyers®* (2007-23)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers®*, Top 50 Lawyers in Kentucky (2007-17)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers®*, Top 10 Lawyers in Kentucky (2007-16)