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Nick Stewart is a West Virginia native and Registered Patent Attorney in Stites's Intellectual Property and Technology Service Group, where his practice focuses heavily in patent preparation and prosecution. With a diverse technical background rooted in the fields of biotechnology, physics, and computer science, Nick routinely helps navigate clients with technologies across a broad array of technical fields towards patent protection.

Nick regularly prepares and prosecutes domestic and foreign patent applications for mechanical devices, consumer goods, software, medical devices, and life sciences-associated technologies. In addition to patent application preparation and prosecution, Nick also assists clients with a variety of other intellectual property-based services, including preparing patentability analyses and freedom to operate opinions, licensing agreements, and trademark and copyright procurement.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Copyrights
- Entrepreneurial Services
- Trademarks

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Assisted in development of U.S. patent portfolio for foreign entity by successfully prosecuting several patent applications covering a variety of apparel-related technologies.
- Counseled startup in manufacturing industry regarding patentability and patent protection plan for new manufacturing system and process.
- Assisted in drafting and subsequent prosecution of patent applications for numerous domestic and foreign entities.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Virginia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- \*Not yet licensed in Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Stites & Harbison, PLLC Promotes Gary N. Stewart (Nick) to Member (Partner)  
by staff writer, *The Lane Report*, January 12, 2026
- People on the Move in Louisville: Gary N. Stewart (Nick)  
by editor, *Louisville Business First*, January 5, 2026
- AI and IP: The Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Law and How Generative Artificial Intelligence is Shaking  
co-speaker, Louisville Bar Association, IP/AI/Privacy Law Section Webinar, June 25, 2024
- Navigating Artificial Intelligence in PR and Communications  
panelist, Bluegrass Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), March 21, 2024
- Gifts from the USPTO for Prospective Patentees Heading into the New Year  
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 28, 2023
- The Enablement Challenge for Genus Claims Under U.S. Patent Law: How Much Disclosure Is Enough After Amgen v. Sanofi?
- Patent Law in Practice  
Guest Lecturer, West Virginia University College of Law, April 13, 2023
- The Twelve Days of I.P. Christmas

,with [Joel T. Beres](#), [Jeffrey A. Haeberlin](#), [James Hayne](#), [Thomas J. Mihill \(TJ\)](#), [B. Aaron Schulman](#) and [Patrick M. Torre](#) Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 14, 2022

- **Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property**

Panel Member, Technology Law Society, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY, October 17, 2022

- **Artificial Intelligence and Inventorship Under U.S. Patent Law**

Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 9, 2022

- **IP for Entrepreneurs and Scientists**

Guest Lecturer, Temple University, March 16, 2022

- **Supreme Court Provides Additional Guidance on Assignor Estoppel in Patent Litigation**

Stites & Harbison Client Alert, September 29, 2021

- **Protecting Your Business's Intellectual Property**

Speaker, TechConnect West Virginia, Marshall University, September 24, 2020

- **Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets**

Webinar, HalfMoon Seminars, August 30, 2020

- **Spring Cleaning for Your Intellectual Property**

Stites & Harbison Thirsty Thursday Networking event, March 5, 2020

- **A Three-Dimensional World in a Two-Dimensional Patent System: 3D Printing and the Importance of Claiming CAD Files**

118 W. Va. L. Rev. 477 (2015)

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Louisville Office Recruiting Committee, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar
- Young Professionals of Louisville (YPAL)
- Louisville Bar Association,
  - Co-chair of Intellectual Property/Artificial Intelligence/Privacy Law section
- AUTM

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- 2020-24 Legal Food Frenzy Campaign, Firm Organizer
- 2023-2024 USPTO National Patent Application Drafting Competition, Coach

## EDUCATION

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- West Virginia University College of Law J.D., *cum laude* 2016
- Marshall University B.S., Biotechnology with minor in Physics, *cum laude* 2012
- Auburn University Computer Science\*, 2018-2020

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Prior to joining the firm, Nick was a patent attorney at a boutique intellectual property firm in Mobile, Alabama. During law school, he was a Global IP Strategy Legal Student Associate with Mylan Pharmaceutical in West Virginia. Outside of work, Nick enjoys spending time with his wife, Sharon, and two dogs, running, and playing drums.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Ones To Watch, Patent Law (2025-26)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, Rising Stars (2023-25)