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Recently recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® for his high-caliber work in the practice of Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action-Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, Ian is also listed by *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® in the areas of Product Liability and Business Litigation. He was also recognized in "20 People to Know in Technology" by *Louisville Business First* and as a Top Attorney for Privacy and Information Security by *Louisville Magazine*. Ian is very active as a products liability trial attorney, where he often utilizes his additional Certification as a Fire and Explosion Investigator. Ian is Co-Chair of the Firm's Privacy & Data Security practice group.

He is designated as AV-Preeminent® by *Martindale-Hubbell*® for his ethical standards and legal skills.

## CAPABILITIES

### Practice Areas

- Product Liability Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Privacy & Data Security
- Fire Investigation & Litigation

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- **Product Liability.** Regional litigation counsel for a Fortune 150 company regarding product liability matters arising from automation solutions and commercial and residential solutions, as well as manufacturers of consumer and industrial products. Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator conducting fire scene inspections and laboratory examinations to provide proactive case assessments and effective defense at trial. Advisor to mobile home manufacturer intermediary arising from Hurricane Katrina toxic tort and product liability class action lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.
- **Commercial Litigation.** Counsel for privately held company shareholder disputes, non-disclosure agreements, covenants not to compete, and injunctive matters. Arbitration counsel under the American Arbitration Association's Commercial Rules. Civil defense and prosecution experience under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.
- **Privacy & Data Security.** Immediate past Chief Information Security Officer and Co-Chair of Privacy & Data Security Group. Assist clients with investigating, mitigating, and notice requirements for data breach incidents. Coordination with law enforcement concerning data security events and recapture of funds. Advisor to on-line retailers, contractors, manufacturers, financial institutions, legal service providers, and health care providers on best practices to develop and implement privacy and data breach policies, procedures, and training.
- **General Counsel Services.** General Counsel services for product liability, commercial, civil rights, and tort liability litigation representation. Litigation management for insurance retained counsel and matters, litigation hold requirements and e-discovery collection of data, crisis management, contract drafting, real estate transaction oversight, and representations for employment, unemployment, and workers compensation matters before federal and state agencies. Experienced legal partner directly working with company officers to provide risk analysis, develop legal strategy to align with business objectives, and set legal budgets. Experienced counselor to boards of directors to provide guidance and the retention and oversight of consulting services to aid boards and committees.
- **Additional Experience.** Consumer Product Safety Act, patent litigation, commercial real estate litigation, and practice before various state administrative licensing agencies.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- 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 Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Under Attack: Experts explain why ransomware is everyone's problem now and detail the best plan of defense
  by Dawn Marie Yankeelov, *The Lane Report*, pp. 34-38, May 2026 *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Ian Ramsey Appointed to Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission
  by staff writer, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, November 8, 2022
- Joint Agency Cyber Alert Warns of Imminent and Credible Ransomware Threat Against U.S. Health Care and Public Health Sectors
  *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock and Dustyn B. Jones* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, November 2, 2020
- Information You Need on the COVID-19 Coronavirus
  *Stites & Harbison, PLLC* March 2020
- Give Blood, Sweat & Tears for an Expert Direct Exam
  Preparing Your Expert and Demonstration of Direct Exam, presentation and author, Defense Research Institute Fire Science and Litigation Program, Washington, D.C., September 14, 2018
- Cybersecurity and Best Practices for Lawyers
  Presenter and Author with Special Agent Stephen E. Oaks, Federal Bureau of Investigations, American Bar Association, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Forum on Construction Law, New Orleans, La., April 13, 2018
- The road to partnership at Louisville firms
  by Steve Kaufman, *Business First of Louisville*, March 23, 2018
- Hello, Counselor Robot: How artificial intelligence is changing the practice of law
  by Steve Kaufman, *Business First of Louisville*, December 2017
- Listen, Learn and Yell: Why IT Professionals and Lawyers are a Good 'A Team'
  (ISC)² Security Congress 2017, Austin, Texas, September 25-27, 2017
- Digital Fortress
  *Modern Steel Construction*, May 2017 *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Navigating the Perils of Ransomware
  with Edward A. Morse, *The Business Lawyer*, American Bar Association Business Law Section, Vol. 72, Issue 1, Winter 2016-17

- Build It, and They Will Come: Data Security for the Construction Industry
  presentation and author, University of Kentucky Construction Law Institute, Lexington, KY, October 20, 2016
- Data Breach Damages from a Legal Perspective
  presentation, InfoSec Nashville, Nashville, Tenn., September 20, 2016
- Build a Better Machine
  ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock* *The Goods*, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, July 2016
- Stop. Think. Connect.
  presentation, Stites & Harbison Summer Associate Program, May 16, 2016 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Law Firm Data Security: It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Don't Feel Fine)
  presentation, Southern Law Network, Louisville, Kentucky, May 13, 2016 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Don't Bet on Longshots - Practical Advice on Data Security for Financial Institutions
  Stites & Harbison Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Service Group Day at the Races, Keeneland, April 14, 2016 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Ransoming Data: Technological and Legal Implications of Payments for Data
  ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting 2016, Technology Committee, Speaker & Co-Author with Edward A. Morse, Creighton University School of Law, Montréal, Quebec, April 7-9, 2016
- Identifying and Protecting Your Core Data
  *The Goods* (p.36), Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, March 2016 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Privacy and Data Security Concerns for Document Retention Professionals
  Lexington ARMA Chapter, Lexington, Ky., February 26, 2016
- Ransoming Data: Technological and Legal Implications of Payments for Data
  ABA Business Law Section, Cyberspace Law Committee, Winter Working Group, January 29-30, 2016, Presenter & Co-Author with Edward A. Morse, Creighton University School of Law
- Privacy and Data Security Concerns for Document Retention Professionals
  Presentation, Louisville ARMA Chapter, Louisville, Ky., January 19, 2016
- New Year, New Reason to be Wary… Corporate Impersonation and Fraud
  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Client Alert, January 13, 2016
- Data Breaching Now Its Own Industry
  by Robert Hadley, *The Lane Report*, December 8, 2015 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Data Breaches: Is Your Attitude about Data Security Putting You and Your Company at Risk?
  *The Goods* (p. 16), Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, November 2015 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Employee Attitudes Fuel Your Data Security Plan
  *Legaltech News*, October 29, 2015 ,*with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*
- Privacy and Data Security Concerns for the Licensing Professional
  National Association of Licensing and Compliance Professionals (NALCP) 2015 Conference, Austin, TX, October 15, 2015
- Data breaches: Is your attitude about data security putting you and your company at risk?

*Inside Counsel*, September 24, 2015 *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*

- Cybersecurity Damages: An Overview of Economic Harm Resulting From Data Security Breaches

  ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., September 17-19, 2015

- Data Security: Concerns for the General Counsel

  In-house Counsel CLE Seminar Series, *Daily Report*, Buckhead, Ga., September 16, 2015

- Privacy & Data Security – April 23, 2015

  *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock* Keeneland, April 23, 2015

- Data Breaches: Is Your Attitude about Data Security Putting You and Your Company at Risk?

  *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, July 21, 2015

- Preparation & Protection are essential assets

  *Louisville Business First*, July 10, 2015

- Data breaches: Is your attitude about data security putting you and your company at risk?

  *Medical News*, July 6, 2015 *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*

- Data Breach Prevention and Response

  Southern Indiana Society for Human Resources Management, June 9, 2015

- Prevention and Response: Is Your Business Prepared for a Data Security Breach?

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC Thirsty Thursday networking event, May 21, 2015 *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*

- Are your employees putting your organization at risk for a cyber-attack?

  *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 3, 2015

- Is your attitude about data security putting you and your company at risk?

  Professional Insight, *Business First of Louisville*, March 27, 2015 *,with Sarah Cronan Spurlock*

- Target Data Breach Opens Potential Recovery Path for Financial Institutions

  *,with Brian R. Pollock and Sarah Cronan Spurlock* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 4, 2015

- The Penalty of Eyewitness Testimony

  DRI Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Calif., October 22-26, 2014

- Kentucky Law Offers Chance of Egaming Progress

  eGR North American.com, March 11, 2014

- Misleading Witnesses Memory

  Speaker, Defense Research Institute, Fire Science and Litigation, January 23-25, 2013

- Kentucky Governor Unveils Casino Bill

  *GamblingCompliance.com*, February 15, 2012

- Gambling Expansion Debated in Kentucky Governor's Race

  GamblingCompliance.com, July 26, 2011

- Internet Gambling Inevitable, Say Southern Gaming Executives

*GamblingCompliance.com*, May 6, 2011

- Do you own your Domain Name?

  Louisville Bar Association *Bar Briefs*, April 1, 2010

- Contingency Fee Counsel in Forfeiture Proceedings

  The 14th Annual National Institute on the Gaming Law Minefield, American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, Business Law Section Gaming Law Committee, and the ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education, 2010

- Interactive Gaming

  Presentation,14th Annual National Institute on the Gaming Law Minefield, 2010 American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, Business Law Section Gaming Law Committee, and the ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education, Las Vegas, Nev., February 18-19, 2010

- The Code of Federal Regulations

  Presentation, Commerce and Foreign Trade, Expeditors International of Washington, Summer 2009

- Recognizing Legal Consequences

  Presentation, Dismas Charities, Inc.; Spring 2000, 2003, 2007

- Fundamentals of Exporting

  Presentation, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Fall 1999

- The Federal Sentencing Guidelines

  Article, 31st Annual Antitrust Institute, 1999

- Pushing PowerPoint Above Idle: Speech is Abstract; Pictures are Real

  Article, *Legal Tech*, Vol. XVI. No. 10, January 1999

- Is Your Foreign Public Official on Your Payroll

  Article, *International Communiqué*, Spring 1998

- International Antitrust Enforcement

  Article, *International Communiqué*, Fall 1997

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Arificial Intelligence Committee, Co-Chair
- Chief Information Security Officer
- Privacy & Data Security Practice Group, Co-Chair
- Charitable Contributions Committee, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Product Liability Advisory Council
- Defense Research Institute,
  - Product Liability Substantive Law Committee
  - Fire Science Specialized Litigation Group
- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- International Association of Privacy Professionals

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission (appointed by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear), Chair, 2024-27; Member, 2022-27
- Clydesdale Athletics Club (CAC), a cycling club committed to raising funds for the Norton Cancer Institute and Norton Children's Cancer Institute, Co-Founder
- Leadership Louisville, Class of 2010
- Louisville Public Media Advisory Council, 2008-11
- American Red Cross, Louisville Area Chapter, Board of Directors, 2006-08

## EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law J.D., 1993
- Salisbury University B.A., *summa cum laude* 1989

## REPORTED CASES

- *Arnold v. Com. ex rel. Chandler*, Ky., 62 S.W.3d 366 (2001)
- *Patmon v. Hobbs*, Ky. App., 280 S.W.3d 589 (2009)

## ACCOLADES

- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Action - Defendants; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2020-27)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Louisville Area Lawyer of the Year for Product Liability Litigation - Defendants Law (2027)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Louisville Area Lawyer of the Year for Mass Tort Litigation / Class Action - Defendants Law (2023)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2012-20, 2023-26)
- *Louisville Business First,* 20 People to Know in Technology (2015)
- *Louisville Magazine* Top Lawyer (2016)