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Jackson is an attorney in the firm's Business Litigation practice. Simply put, Jackson is a lawyer who represents business in lawsuits. His clients include insurance providers, financial institutions, real estate developers, product sellers, healthcare organizations, and utility providers. This wide-reaching practice has allowed Jackson to work on lawsuits involving contract law, eminent domain practices, creditors' rights, cannabis law, personal injury, and employment disputes.

With each case Jackson takes on, he has one goal in mind: to reach an efficient solution that leaves his clients happy and their interests protected. During his time with Stites, Jackson has negotiated favorable settlements for his clients, saving them hundreds of thousands of dollars. He has also seen numerous successes at the early stages of litigation, with cases against his clients being severely limited in their scope or thrown out entirely.

And Jackson prides himself on staying up to date on how the law develops so that his clients are never left in the dark. For example, in light of Kentucky's legalization of medical cannabis, Jackson hit the books to better understand how this could impact current and future businesses across the Commonwealth. This endeavor enabled him to become one of the forerunners on cannabis legal practice in Kentucky, speaking to healthcare conglomerates on the impact cannabis could have on their practice.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals

- Employment Law
- Product Liability Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Represented online marketplace in a product-liability suit claiming that marketplace's product malfunctioned and burned purchaser's guest.
- Obtained favorable settlement for medical supply company and employee driver in a motor-vehicle-collision suit following filing of motion for summary judgment.
- Facilitate and review businesses' applications seeking licenses from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide medical-cannabis-related services following Kentucky's legalization of medical cannabis.
- Advise major utility company regarding utility line installation and possible landowner disputes.
- Conduct risk assessment and outline attendant strategy for healthcare provider following allegations of employee sexual misconduct.

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. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- UK will create centralized AI usage rules with automated employee, financial audits
  by Jesse Fraga, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, May 12, 2026
- AI in Employment & Hiring: Legal Considerations for Kentucky Employers
  ,with Rachel Gumbel and Harlee P. Havens Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 2, 2026
- The U.S. Government's Reopening Could Spell a Shutdown for the Intoxicating Hemp Industry
  ,with Jennifer J. Cave Stites & Harbison Client Alert, November 14, 2025

- Announcing the ELEVATE Kentucky Class of 2025
  by editor, LeadershipKentucky.org, April 7, 2025
- From Classwork to a Caseload: A look at how young attorneys are adjusting to the "real world" challenges of their new careers
  By Piper Hansen, *Louisville Business First*, March 7, 2025
- Stites & Harbison welcomes Jackson Hurst-Sanders
  by Editor, *The Cynthiana Democrat*, November 25, 2024
- Medical Cannabis Seminar
  panel member, Kentucky Academy of Healthcare Attorneys Webinar, November 13, 2024 *,with Bailey M. Browning, K. Kelly White Bryant, Jennifer J. Cave, Robin E. McGuffin and Sarah Cronan Spurlock*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association,
  - New Lawyers Academy, Jan.-June 2025

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Leadership Kentucky's Elevate Kentucky, Class of 2025

EDUCATION

- University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law J.D., *summa cum laude* 2023
- Illinois State University B.S., Political Communications, *cum laude* 2017

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After law school, Jackson clerked for Judge David J. Hale of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky (2023-24). Prior to joining the firm, he was a summer associate in the Louisville office during the summers of 2021 and 2022 and a legal extern for the Fayette County Attorney's Office (January-May 2022). Jackson also interned for the Honorable Brian C. Edwards of the Jefferson County Circuit Court. When he's not working, Jackson is probably at a Louisville Cardinals basketball or football game, reading a fantasy novel, playing some PS5, investigating a new local brewery, or out hunting with his dogs, Maple and Pepper Ann.