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James is a Registered Patent Attorney and member of the Intellectual Property and Technology Service Group primarily located in the firm's Louisville office. His practice focuses on patent preparation and prosecution, both foreign and domestic. James has extensive experience prosecuting utility patent applications covering a wide range of subject matter including electronic hardware and software, consumer goods, manufacturing equipment, and products in the gaming industry. James also has experience prosecuting design patent applications for ornamental products such as home goods, toys, and soft goods such as bags and clothing.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Entrepreneurial Services
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Trademarks

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Counseled individuals in developing and pursuing patent and trademark protection for start-up businesses.

- Developed intellectual property protection strategies for a variety of companies to cover existing and upcoming product lines both in the U.S. and abroad.
- Successfully invalidated a competitors overly-broad patent claims through a post-grant review proceeding conducted by the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Securing Global Patents: U.S. “Obviousness” vs. Chinese “Inventive Step” Standards
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 17, 2025
- Spirits and Intellectual Property: Bourbon
  panel member, United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO), Louisville, Ky., November 8, 2023
- Beat the Heat with These Five Patented Ideas
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, September 21, 2023
- The Twelve Days of I.P. Christmas
  ,with Joel T. Beres, Jeffrey A. Haeberlin, Thomas J. Mihill (TJ), B. Aaron Schulman, Gary N. Stewart (Nick) and Patrick M. Torre Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 14, 2022
- Managing IP Honors James Hayne on 2022 “Rising Stars” List
  by staff writer, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, October 11, 2022
- Kids Cancer Alliance Selects James Hayne to Lead Young Professionals Committee and Serve on Board
  by staff writer, *Attorney at Law Magazine*, September 13, 2022
- PTAB Axes Bulk Of Possible Cancer Treatment Patent In PGR
  Law360, March 20, 2020
- U.S. Supreme Court Addresses Induced Infringement of a Patent: Belief in Non-Infringement is a Defense
  ,with Jeffrey A. Haeberlin Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 17, 2015
- New ‘One Stop Shop’ for Worldwide Design Protection May Not Increase Convenience
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 21, 2015
- One For the Money: Supreme Court Holds the Single-Entity Rule
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 3, 2014

- Estimations and measurements of shear stresses on bed materials in erosion rate testing devices
  ASCE Journal of Hydraulic Engineering, November 1, 2012

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Louisville Office Recruiting Committee, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Kids Cancer Alliance, Board of Directors and Chair of the Young Professionals Committee (2022-23)

EDUCATION

- University of Florida College of Law J.D., *cum laude* 2013
- University of Florida B.S., Civil Engineering, Minor in Musical Performance *cum laude* 2010

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In his personal time, James enjoys reading, working on his 85 year old home, and taking hikes with his wife and Swiss mountain dog.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Patent Law (2021-25)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, Rising Stars (2022-26)