



Neil E. Barton

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Neil Barton is a Member in the firm's Louisville office where he is a member of the Torts & Insurance Practice Service Group. His practice includes defense work in product liability with an emphasis on allegations arising out of residential and commercial fires and explosions, and providing comprehensive legal services in the insurance arena including investigating and analyzing complex legal and factual situations to provide coverage opinions, defending against first and third party bad faith claims, and prosecuting declaratory judgment actions on behalf of carriers and clients. Neil also has experience litigating fiduciary disputes and challenges to the settlement and administration of trusts and estates.

His practice also focuses on defending against suits alleging medical negligence, including nurse and nursing home liability, legal negligence, premises liability, contract disputes, and actions alleging serious personal injury or death. Neil is certified by the National Association of Fire Investigators as a Fire and Explosion Investigator.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Fire Investigation & Litigation
- Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith & Regulatory Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Secured summary judgment on behalf of a nursing home against unsupported claims of neglect and medical negligence.
- Represented a small business owner in the sale of assets during the pandemic.
- Secured summary judgment on behalf of a Louisville dentist in a suit claiming a negligent referral caused injury to the plaintiff.
- Successfully defended against several slip and fall as well as trip and fall cases on behalf of business owners throughout the Commonwealth.
- Secured summary judgment on behalf of an auto dealership in a premises liability action in Jefferson County Circuit Court.
- Acquired dismissal of a complaint filed against a corporate manufacturer of safety equipment.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Stites & Harbison, PLLC promotes Neil E. Barton to Member (Partner)
by staff writer, *The Lane Report*, January 12, 2026
- People on the Move in Louisville: Neil E. Barton
by editor, *Louisville Business First*, January 5, 2026
- Insurers Need Not Defend Shooting Injury Suit, Judge Rules
by Hope Patti, *Law360 Insurance Authority*, September 30, 2022 ,with [Matthew W. Breetz](#)
- Warm Lessons from Our Frozen Neighbors: Reviewing the PPACA's Effectiveness through a Comparative Analysis with the Canada Health Act
55 U. Louisville L. Rev. 355 (2017)

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Office of General Counsel, Ethics Subcommittee, Member
- Recruiting Committee, Louisville Office, Former Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- National Association of Fire Investigators,
 - Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator

EDUCATION

- University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D., *magna cum laude* 2017
- University of Cincinnati Master of Music, 2003
- University of Alberta Bachelor of Music, 2001

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Before attending law school later in life, Neil was a professional musician, playing trumpet with various orchestras and bands in the United States and Canada, and a Store Manager for Starbucks. Besides music, Neil enjoys spending time with his family, being outdoors, and cheering on the Cards. While in law school, Neil completed a judicial internship with Magistrate Judge Colin H. Lindsay, United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky (Fall 2016) and served as Editor in Chief for Volume 55 of the *University of Louisville Law Review*.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*[®], Ones To Watch, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023-26)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*[®], Rising Star (2025-26)