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Richard Wehrle is a Member of the firm and is based in the Lexington office. His practice focuses on trusts and estate administration, estate planning and charitable giving, charitable and non-profit organizations, estate and gift taxes, probate, and fiduciary law. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Trusts & Estates
- Trusts & Estates and Family Law
- Taxation
- Charitable & Non-Profit Organizations
- Real Estate General Practice

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. Tax Court
- Supreme Court of Kentucky
- Tennessee

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Kentucky Estate Planning and Will Drafting With Forms
  author, Matthew Bender, 2026 Edition, May 2026
- Estate & Tax Planning
  Charitable Giving Luncheon: Planning With Purpose, hosted by Blue Grass Community Foundation, September 30, 2025
- Revocable Trusts: Kentucky
  Practical Law Trusts & Estates, July 28, 2025
- Irrevocable Trusts: Kentucky
  Practical Law Trusts & Estates, July 28, 2025
- Durable Power of Attorney (KY)
  Practical Law Trusts & Estates, July 28, 2025
- Health Care Advance Directive and Living Will (KY)
  Practical Law Trusts & Estates, March 3, 2025
- Signature Pages for Will and Self-Proving Affidavit (KY)
  Practical Law Trusts & Estates, September 6, 2024
- Wills: Kentucky
  Practice Law Trusts & Estates, September 6, 2024
- Receivers, Trustees, Conservators, and Family Offices: What Can You Do for Them? What Might They Do to You?
  8th Annual Accounting Risk Management Seminar, Atlanta, November 7, 2023
- In Trusts We Still Trust
  by Greg Paeth, *The Lane Report*, November 15, 2017

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Retirement Plan Committee (2024-present)
- Management Committee (Feb. 2020-24)
- Trusts & Estates Service Group, Former Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association

- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel,
  - Fellow
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Society of Financial Service Professionals
- Bluegrass Estate Planning Council

EDUCATION

- University of Kentucky College of Law J.D., 1983
- University of Kentucky B.S., 1980

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Richard was a partner at Bowles Rice LLP in Lexington, Kentucky, handling trusts and estate planning for eight years. Prior to that, he worked at Bowles Rice's predecessor firm, Vimont & Willis PLLC for 20 years working in the trusts and estate practice. Richard is a member of a variety of accounting financial service organizations. He also serves on the foundation board of Bluegrass Community and Technical College and Blue Grass Community Foundation.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Trusts & Estates (2011-27)
- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated