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Stephen Ruschell is a member of the firm's Real Estate Service Group. His practice focuses on condemnation, real property, mergers & acquisitions, general business law, zoning and land development.

Mr. Ruschell additionally represents companies in the areas of general corporate law, commercial lending and bond issues.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Conservation Easements
- Land Use & Zoning
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development & Finance
- Real Estate General Practice
- Banking & Finance

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- North Carolina, pro hoc vice

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- After hours-long hearing, Lexington pro soccer gets green light for stadium. Find out where.
  by Beth Musgrave, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, January 27, 2023 ,*with Charlotte Turner McCoy*
- New location for Lexington pro soccer youth fields gets green light. Here are the details.
  by Beth Musgrave, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, September 13, 2022
- UK Law Alumni Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar
  UK Law News, January 18, 2019
- Bar Foundations
  Kentucky Bar Association's *Bench and Bar*, September 2007

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Retirement Plan Committee, Member
- Real Estate Service Group, former Lexington Office Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Kentucky Defense Counsel
- Fayette County Bar Foundation,
  - Fellow
- Kentucky Bar Foundation,
  - Fellow

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- God’s Pantry Food Bank, Board Member

- Mission Health Lexington, Board Member
- Kentucky Humanities Council, former Treasurer and Executive Committee
- Triangle Foundation, Director
- Commerce Lexington (Chamber of Commerce), Trustee
- Fayette County Bar, Foundation
- Pro bono volunteer for North Carolina flood victims
- Meals on Wheels volunteer
- Literacy coach, Booker T. Washington Elementary School

EDUCATION

- University of Kentucky College of Law J.D., 1974
- University of Kentucky B.B.A. with honors, 1971

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Steve is a former chairman of the Fayette County Bar Foundation which he helped found in 2006. He was honored in June 2008 with the Justice James Keller Law Day Award for "dedicated and distinguished service to the Fayette County Community" for his work as organizer/founder/past chairman of the Fayette County Bar Foundation. He was further honored in June 2016 with the Community Service Alumni Award by the University of Kentucky College of Law. He is also the former treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Humanities Council, a statewide organization fostering the humanities. Steve enjoys playing golf, travel and is an avid sports fan with a passion for his alma mater's football and basketball teams. He most enjoys spending time with his three children, their spouses, and his seven grandchildren.

ACCOLADES

- *Martindale-Hubbell*® AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*®*,* Corporate Law; Land Use & Zoning Law; Litigation - Land Use & Zoning; Real Estate Law; Litigation - Real Estate (2008-27)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Lexington Area Lawyer of the Year for Land Use and Zoning Law (2016 and 2021)