

## Stites & Harbison Adds 4 IP Attys In Kentucky

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Law360 (July 19, 2021, 4:08 PM EDT) -- Stites & Harbison PLLC expanded its intellectual property group to more than 20 attorneys with the addition of four from the Lexington, Kentucky, boutique King & Schickli, the firm has announced.

Partners Warren D. Schickli and Michael S. Hargis and of counsel Trevor T. Graves and Patrick M. Torre joined Stites & Harbison's intellectual property and technology practice at the start of July. Schickli told Law360 on Monday that the move had been in the works for many years and that both sides decided that it was the right time to finally make it happen.

"There's a lot of advantages to coming here," he said. "You have a tremendous support group and there's a synergy that develops when you have a large enough group of attorneys practicing together in the same area, and I think it makes everybody better."

The group of attorneys, all graduates of the University of Kentucky College of Law except for Hargis who graduated from Saint Louis University School of Law, brings experience in every aspect of intellectual property law ranging from copyrights, trademarks, patents, trade secrets and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board work.

Along with the experience, the group also brings a wide variety of engineering and scientific backgrounds in fields such as mechanical, chemical and electrical engineering, chemistry, agriculture and animal science. Schickli said their range of experience and their familiarity with each other will benefit them as they integrate into the new firm.

"We've all worked together for many years and the big key is that we've got the full range of abilities behind us," he said. "It's fantastic, you know each other's abilities, and in the case of the four of us, we've got the technical background to cover all areas of patent law ranging from chemistry, engineering, biotech. It's a really good situation."

Firm chair Marjorie Farris said the latest additions to Stites & Harbison's IP group is part of a greater growth plan for the rest of 2021 and beyond, noting that IP is one of the firm's stronger practice areas and one that is growing across the entire legal industry.

"It continues to strengthen and deepen our IP bench both in Kentucky and across the firm regionally," she said. "It adds four very experienced and talented attorneys in the IP space who we've been talking with for a number of years. We've had our eye on them because they're so very well-respected in their field, and I'm very glad we were able to convince them to join us."

Stites & Harbison has nearly 175 attorneys in its 11 offices in Mason, Ohio; Louisville, Lexington, Covington and Frankfort in Kentucky; Jeffersonville, Indiana; Nashville, Memphis and Franklin in Tennessee;



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Alexandria, Virginia; and Atlanta, according to the firm's website.

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