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Drake Staples is an attorney in the firm's Lexington, Kentucky office and a member of the Construction Service Group. Drake is an experienced construction lawyer with a proven track record handling transactional matters and disputes for a diverse clientele, including owners, contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals. He also has extensive experience drafting, negotiating, and managing construction and vendor contracts for data center developers throughout the United States. In addition to his construction practice, Drake is a versatile litigator, regularly representing clients in a wide range of matters. His experience extends to business litigation, trust and estate litigation, as well as tort and insurance defense matters.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Construction
- Data Center Service Group
- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Litigation & Appeals

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Regulated Products: What Manufacturers and Retailers Need to Know Now *with Warren D. Schickli* Forever Chemicals: What Does Your Business Need to Know and Do?, Stites & Harbison Webinar Series, P ...
- Stites & Harbison Promotes Katie Glass and Drake Staples to Member by editor, *Attorney at Law Magazine*, January 5, 2024

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Diversity Committee, Member
- Recruiting Committee, Lexington Office, Former Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association , Member
- Kentucky Bar Association , Member
- Fayette County Bar Association , Member

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law J.D.

- *Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture & Natural Resources Law*, Executive Operations Editor, Symposium Committee, Staff Editor
- National Tax Moot Court Competition, Oral Argument Semi-finalist, Appellate Brief Award

University of Kentucky B.B.A., Finance & Marketing *cum laude*

- Departmental Honors in Finance & Marketing

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Labor and Employment (2023-25)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2022-25)