



Ellen Gish

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Ellen Gish is an attorney in the Lexington office in the Construction Service Group. She represents owners, contractors and subcontractors in all aspects of the construction process.

Before joining the firm in 2025, Ellen served as Associate General Counsel for the University of Kentucky, where she focused on capital projects, real estate, procurement, data privacy, economic development, and charitable gifts. Her prior legal experience also includes representing clients in a wide range of complex real estate and corporate transactions.

In addition to her legal roles, Ellen also has served in development, gift planning and fundraising roles for UK Philanthropy and the Lexington Philharmonic. Her diverse experience gives Ellen a unique perspective on the day-to-day legal challenges facing both private and public clients and a creative, collaborative, and efficient approach to problem-solving.

Ellen received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School (2003) and her undergraduate degree from Cornell University (1998).

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Construction
- Drafting, Reviewing & Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Federal, State & Local Public Construction and Procurement
- Real Estate

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Stites & Harbison, PLLC welcomes attorney Ellen Gish to the firm's Lexington office by editor, *The Lane Report*, February 14, 2025

MEMBERSHIPS

- Kentucky Bar Association , Member
- Fayette County Bar Association , Member
- National Association of College and University Attorneys , Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Kentucky Aquatics, Inc., Pool Facility Committee (2023-present)
- U.S.A. Swimming Official, Stroke & Turn certification (2022-present)
- Sunrise Toastmasters Club (2022-present)

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School J.D. *cum laude* 2003

Cornell University B.A., with distinction, American Studies with concentration in Business Marketing and Management 1998

- Varsity Track & Field, Captain (1997-98)

- 1996 Ivy League Champion in high jump (indoor)