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Emily Larish Startsman is an attorney in the firm's Lexington office where she is a member of the Torts and Insurance Practice Service Group. Emily has handled a variety of litigation matters for insurance companies, medical providers, corporations, and local businesses. Her focus includes medical malpractice, products liability, bad faith, and a variety of personal injury matters.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Litigation & Appeals
- Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Represent a major manufacturer of respiratory protection products in serial litigation.
- Successfully defended claims against estate from inception of case through appeal.
- Secured summary judgment for client in state court on governmental immunity ground.
- Obtained summary judgment on middleman defense in products liability action in federal court.
- Defend Kentucky-area hospitals, physicians, and emergency medical services providers in medical malpractice and wrongful death litigation.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- 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

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- Down the Rabbit Hole: Assessing the Reach of Amended Rule 7.1 with *Daniel E. Danford* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, January 20, 2023
- *Daubert*: Trends and Statistics  
*IADC Committee Newsletter*, Product Liability, November 2017
- Extreme Sports Challenge the Courts with *John L. Tate* Product Liability Law & Strategy, August 2015

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Office of General Counsel, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- The Nest - Center for Women, Children and Families, Board of Directors; HR Committee (2016-present)
- Leadership Lexington, Class of 2019-20

## EDUCATION

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Vanderbilt University Law School J.D. 2011

- *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law*, Managing Editor
- Research Assistant for Prof. Owen Jones
- 2L Moot Court Competition
- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society

Washington and Lee University B.A., Psychology *magna cum laude* 2005

- Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Women's Fraternity

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Emily served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Danny C. Reeves, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky.

In her free time, Emily enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time with her family.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Commercial Litigation; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021-22)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2019-21)