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Brittany Cross Carlson is an attorney in the Louisville office, where she is a member of the Torts & Insurance Practice Service Group. Her practice includes drug and medical device litigation, products liability, medical malpractice, and personal injury defense.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

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

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Defend national retailer against contract, product, and premises liability claims in state and federal court
- Defending an international medical device manufacturer as a member of the national and regional counsel teams for various devices
- Developing discovery strategy and coordinating large-scale e-discovery productions for international medical device manufacturer
- Defending Kentucky-area hospitals and physicians in medical malpractice litigation
- Kentucky personal injury counsel for leading international beverage manufacturer
- Defending wrongful death litigation against an international bakery equipment manufacturer
- Defending trucking litigation, including scene investigation, against large professional services providers

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

- Products Liability Desk Reference: A Fifty State Compendium
co-author of Kentucky Chapter, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Civic, community leaders from across state celebrate Leadership Kentucky Class of 2020
virtual graduation
Northern Kentucky Tribune, December 17, 2020
- Compelling Discovery for Foreign Arbitrations Products Liability Litigation Newsletter, American Bar Association, August 10, 2015
- Predictability in Punitive Damages: Considering the Use of Punitive Damages Multipliers
co-author, *Defense Counsel Journal*, International Assoc. of Defense Counsel, October 2012
- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Products Liability Year in Review
ABA Joint Products Liability, Mass Torts, and Environmental CLE, Hollywood, Fla., January 2012
- Products Liability 2011: Year in Review
Co-author, ABA Joint Products Liability, Mass Torts, and Environmental CLE Materials, 2012
- Reaching Resolution: Utilizing Multidistrict Litigation Beyond Pretrial Proceedings
presentation co-author, Chemical Products and Toxic Torts: From Crisis to Mass Litigation: Starting Smart and Finishing Strong, American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Products Liability and Mass Torts Committees, October 8, 2010
- Juror Incomprehension: Advocating for a Holistic Reform of Jury Instructions
98 Kentucky Law Journal 355 (2009)

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Louisville Office Recruiting Committee, Co-Chair
- SWIFT (Stites Women Investing in Our Future Together) Committee, Member (2017)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association , Health Law Section
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Asia Institute - Crane House, Secretary
- St. Joseph Montessori Children's Center, Board of Directors
- Leadership Kentucky, Class of 2020
- Domestic Violence Advocacy Program, Volunteer Attorney
- Daughters of the American Revolution, John Marshall Chapter Member

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law J.D. *summa cum laude* 2010

- Order of the Coif

- *Kentucky Law Journal*, Notes Editor, Volume 98

University of Notre Dame B.A., History and Philosophy *magna cum laude* 2006

- Phi Alpha Theta Society

- John Cabot University, Rome, Italy

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Ms. Carlson joined Stites & Harbison in September 2010 after participating in the firm's summer associate program. Prior to law school, she lived in Chicago where she worked for a litigation consulting and jury research firm. Outside of practicing law, Brittany enjoys overseas travel, cooking for family and friends, and supporting Notre Dame football.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation (2025); Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023-25)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Action - Defendants; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2019-20)