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Michael Hargis is a registered patent attorney and member of the Intellectual Property and Technology Group. He has over 25 years of experience representing clients in intellectual property matters.

Michael has extensive experience drafting and prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications in a wide array of technologies including medical devices, machines, audio speakers, automotive, and HVAC. Michael's practice also focuses on trademark prosecution and enforcement matters including inter partes proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and infringement litigation.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Licensing
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Trademarks

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- Serves as outside counsel for a large university protecting and enforcing its trademark rights in support of its highly successful licensing program.
- Counseled individuals in developing and pursuing patent and trademark protection for start-up businesses.
- Prepared and prosecuted patent applications in a wide variety of technologies including medical devices, machines, audio speakers, electronics, automotive, and HVAC.
- Successfully opposed registration of a competitor's mark through an opposition proceeding conducted by the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

## 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
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Trademark Modernization Act Provides Useful tools for Brand Owners of All Sizes Business  
Lexington, September 29, 2021
- Stites & Harbison adds four IP attorneys  
by Haley Cawthon, *KYINNO*, September 27, 2021
- Stites & Harbison Adds Four IP Attorneys in Kentucky  
by Adrian Cruz, *Law360*, July 19, 2021
- Intellectual property attorneys join Stites & Harbison  
by staff reporter, *The Lane Report*, July 15, 2021

## FIRM LEADERSHIP

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- Lexington Office Recruiting Committee, Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- Fayette County Bar Association , Member
- Kentucky Bar Association , Member; IP Law Section, Member
- American Bar Association , Health Law Section
- American Intellectual Property Law Association , Member

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Southland Church, Member

## EDUCATION

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Saint Louis University School of Law J.D. 1996

- *Saint Louis University Law Journal*, Staff Member

University of Kentucky B.S. Electrical Engineering 1989

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Michael was a partner with King & Schickli, PLLC, a Lexington, Kentucky intellectual property boutique. Prior to law school, Michael worked as a senior engineer with McDonnell Douglas Corporation (now Boeing, Inc.), a defense contractor, designing avionics and electronic test equipment for the F-15 and F-18 aircraft.

Throughout his time in Lexington, Michael has been actively involved in the soccer community serving on boards with the I AM 3rd recreational soccer league and Commonwealth Soccer club and in other roles with Lexington FC and Lexington Christian Academy teams, and coaching numerous recreational teams.

## ACCOLADES

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- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2021-24)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® (2021-25)