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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1985, *cum laude*
Harvard Environmental Law Review, Editor-in-Chief

Yale University, B.A., 1982, *magna cum laude*

Clerkships

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Boyce F. Martin, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1985-1986

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America® 2018, 2020 and 2026 Corporate Governance "Lawyer of the Year" in Louisville, KY

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Chambers USA, Corporate/M&A, 2008-2026

Legal 500 US City Elite – Kentucky, Corporate and M&A, 2026

Selected for inclusion in *Kentucky Super Lawyers®*, 2007-2020, 2022

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

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