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John David concentrates his practice in commercial, contract, constitutional, and trust litigation, but also does appellate and motion practice and contract drafting. He has helped clients ranging from the Holy See to Maker's Mark bourbon, and from banks and businesses to individuals with relatively small, but no less important, matters. He began his career as a corporate associate at a large Louisville firm, where he performed due diligence and documentation work for mergers, acquisitions, and bond transactions and drafted a wide variety of contracts.

John David co-authored a chapter on business franchising for a treatise on Kentucky business organizations. Having a strong interest in political and constitutional matters, John David helped defend a Kentucky governor whose self-appointment to a university board of trustees was challenged by the state's Attorney General. Later, John David was part of the firm's team that successfully challenged the constitutionality of a state legislative redistricting plan. He has published articles on Kentucky constitutional law, apportionment issues in the context of multi-defendant tort cases, and regulation of judicial candidates' speech.

John David has also been in-house counsel for a Louisville-area manufacturing company with national operations. He handled litigation matters as well as employment, commercial, and intellectual property law matters, which provided him with a valuable understanding of what lawyering looks like from the client's perspective.

EDUCATION

Harvard University (J.D., 1988; Class Marshal; Co-Winner of Williston Competition for Negotiation and Contract Drafting); Centre College (B.A., with distinction, 1982)

Litigation.

Health care law.

Business law.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Kentucky; U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky

MEMBERSHIPS

Louisville and Kentucky Bar Associations; The Finer Things Club.

LIFE BEYOND THE LAW

In addition to his practice, John David wrote a regular political column for The Courier-Journal newspaper for ten years. After that, he wrote a regular political column for WDRB.com that was carried in newspapers in Bowling Green, Danville, Glasgow, Hopkinsville, and Paducah. He served for years as a political commentator for Kentucky Educational Television. He is the author of *Republican Leader: A Political Biography of Senator Mitch McConnell*, published in 2009 by ISI Books. He has appeared as a guest on C-SPAN's Washington Journal and CNN's Newsroom. John David is married to Laura Harbolt, the Director of Volunteer Services for Hosparus Health. They have three adult children and two dogs. His other interests include baseball (he is a Braves fan), horse racing, and books, both audio and printed.

Professional Accolades: John David has an "AV" Peer Review Rating™ from Martindale-Hubbell and has been included in the listing of "Top Lawyers" in the categories of Appellate Law, Commercial Law, Constitutional Law, and Personal Injury Law in Louisville Magazine.

Community Involvement: PTA treasurer; youth sports coach; pro bono work for community ministries and other service charities; pro bono guardian and trustee; church deacon, elder, campaign leader, and Sunday School teacher; Habitat for Humanity project volunteer.

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