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**EDUCATION:**

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY  
Juris Doctor, May 1990

Transylvania University, Lexington, KY  
B. A. in Political Science, Cum Laude, 1987

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE:**

Member, Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, Lexington, Kentucky  
2006 - present

Partner, Stoll, Keenon & Park, LLP, Lexington, Kentucky  
1999 - 2005

Associate, Stoll, Keenon & Park, LLP, Lexington, Kentucky  
1995 - 1999

Associate, Boehl, Stopher & Graves, Louisville, Kentucky  
1993 - 1995

Law Clerk, Hon. Joseph M. Hood, United States District Judge  
Eastern District of Kentucky  
1991 - 1993

Associate, Ogden, Sturgill & Welch, Ashland, Kentucky  
1990 - 1991

**AREAS OF PRACTICE:**

Business and Commercial Litigation  
Products Liability Litigation  
Toxic Tort Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation  
Trucking and Transportation Litigation  
Insurance Coverage and Extra Contractual Claims Litigation  
General Personal Injury Litigation

## **ADMISSIONS**

Supreme Court of Kentucky 1990  
U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit 1991  
U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky 1990  
U. S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky 1993  
U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan 2000  
U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana 2011

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association  
    Section of Litigation  
    Section of Intellectual Property  
    Tort Trial and Insurance Practice  
American Law Institute  
Defense Research Institute  
Kentucky Bar Association  
Kentucky Defense Counsel  
Fayette County (Lexington) Bar Association  
Louisville Bar Association

### **American Bar Association**

#### House of Delegates

Kentucky State Delegate 2013 - present  
Delegate from Kentucky Bar Association 2007 - 2013  
Delegate at Large 2004 - 2007  
Young Lawyers Division Delegate 2001 - 2004  
Chair, Committee on Issues of Concern to the Profession 2014 - 2016  
Chair, Select Committee of the House 2012 - 2014  
Chair, Committee on Rules & Calendar 2010 - 2012  
Chair, Committee on Drafting Policies and Procedures 2008 - 2010  
Chair, Committee on Credentials and Admissions 2006 - 2008  
Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee 2016 - present  
Committee on Rules and Calendar 2002 - 2006  
Tellers Committee 2001 - 2002

#### Governance Commission

Co-Chair 2015 - 2016

Member 2013 - 2016

Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Vice-Chair 2013 - 2015

ABA London Sessions 2015 Planning Committee  
Member 2013 - 2015

ABA Paris Sessions 2018 Planning Committee  
Vice-Chair of Programs 2017 - Present

Presidential Appointments Advisory Committee  
Chair 2011, 2017  
Co-Chair 2010  
Member 2008, 2014, 2016

Fund for Justice and Education  
Chair, Council 2012 - 2015  
Council Member 2006 - 2009; 2011 - 2015  
Special Advisor 2015 - 2016

Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession  
Member, 2015 - 2017

A-E-F-C Pension Plan Committee  
Member, 2012 - 2017

ABA Day in Washington Planning Committee  
Member 2016 - present

Standing Committee on Membership  
Member 2010 - 2012  
Young Lawyers Division Liaison 2002 - 2004

Membership Segment Value Initiative Task Force  
Member 2008 - 2009

Standing Committee on Meetings and Travel  
Chair 2017 -- Present  
Member 2007 - 2010

Advisory Commission, World Justice Project  
Member 2007 - 2008

Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws  
Member 2004 - 2007

#### Section of Litigation

Chair- Elect 2017 - Present  
Vice-Chair 2016 - 2017  
Revenue Officer 2012 - 2016  
Executive Committee 2012 - Present  
Co-Chair, Membership & Marketing Committee 2011 - 2012  
Managing Director 2010 - 2011  
Managing Director Designate 2009 - 2010  
Co-Chair 2009 Section Annual Conference (Atlanta, GA) 2007 - 2009  
Co-Chair, ABA Resource Working Group 2005 - 2007  
Member, Vision Task Force 2006 - 2007  
Member, Young Lawyer Leadership Program 2003 - 2005  
Member, Product Liability Committee  
Member, Corporate Counsel Committee  
Member, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee

#### Fellows of the Young Lawyers Division

President 2013 - 2014  
Vice-President 2012 - 2013  
Treasurer 2011 - 2012  
Secretary 2010 - 2011  
Board of Directors 2004 - present

#### Young Lawyers Division

Division Delegate to ABA House of Delegates 2001-04  
Cabinet/Officers & Directors, 2000 - 2004  
Division Council, 1999 - 2001  
Member, Leadership Advisory Board, 1999 - 2002  
Membership Director, 2000-01  
Member, Resolutions Committee, 2000-02  
Chair, Affiliate Assistance Program, 1999-2000  
Vice-Chair, Affiliate Assistance Program, 1998-99  
Member, Affiliate Assistance Team, 1997-98  
Presenter, Fall Conference 1997, 1998, 1999  
Presenter, Midyear Meeting 2000, 2002, 2004  
Presenter, Spring Conference 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002  
Presenter, Midwest Conference 1997, 1998, 1999  
Presenter, South Central Conference 2000  
Facilitated Long Range Planning Retreats for:

Texas Young Lawyers Association 1998  
Utah Young Lawyers Section 1998  
Maryland Young Lawyers Division 1998  
Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association 1999  
Georgia Young Lawyers Division 1999  
Nashville Young Lawyers Division 1999  
Tennessee Young Lawyers Division 2000  
Dallas Young Lawyers Association 2001

### **Kentucky Bar Association**

Board of Governors 1996 - 1997  
House of Delegates 1997 - 2004  
Co-Chair, 2008 Annual Convention 2007 - 2008  
Annual Convention Planning Committee  
    Member 2017 - 2018  
    Member 2010 - 2011  
    Member 2009 - 2010  
    Member 1996 - 1997  
Client Assistance Program Committee  
    Chair 1999 - 2006  
    Member 1996- 1999  
Trial Commissioner in Disciplinary Cases 1997-2002  
Member Services Committee  
    Member 1996 - Present  
Donated Legal Services Committee  
    Member 1996 -2000  
Kentucky Bar Foundation  
    Trustee 1996 - 1997  
    Life Fellow Development Committee, 2000 - 2001  
Long Range Planning Committee 1994 - 1995  
Young Lawyers Section  
    Chair, 1996-97  
    Chair-Elect, 1995-96  
    Vice-Chair, 1994-95  
    Executive Committee, 1991-98  
    Coordinator, Statewide FEMA Disaster Legal Services Efforts, Ohio River  
        Flood 1997  
    Newsletter Editor, 1994-95  
    Editor, New Lawyer Handbook, 1992-94  
    Facilitated Long Range Planning Retreats 1996, 1997

### Fayette County Bar Association

Immediate Past President 2014 - 2015  
President 2013 - 2014  
President-Elect 2012 - 2013  
Treasurer 2011 - 2012  
Secretary 2010 - 2011  
Auditor 2009 - 2010  
Board of Directors 2009 - 2015  
Executive Committee 2009 - 2015  
Trustee, Duncan Trust 2014 - present

### American Counsel Association

Board of Directors 2009 - 2012

### Published Decisions

Cumberland Valley Contractors, Inc. v. Bell County Coal Corp., 238 S.W.3d 644 (Ky. 2007)

Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co. v. Morton, 18 S.W.3d 353 (Ky. App. 2000)

Philadelphia Indemnity Ins. Co. v. Youth Alive, Inc., 732 F.3d 645 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013)

Horner v. Kentucky High School Athletic Ass'n, 43 F.3d 265 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994)

Converge, Inc. v. Topy America, Inc. 2009 U.S.App. LEXIS 4917 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009)

Brotherton v. Victory Sports, Inc., 24 F.Supp.3d 617 (E.D.Ky. 2014)

Philadelphia Indemnity Ins. Co. v. Youth Alive, Inc., 857 F.Supp.2d 647 (W.D. Ky. 2012)

Hiscox Dedicated Corporate Member v. Wilson, 246 F.Supp.2d 684 (E.D. Ky. 2003)

John F. Ruggles, Jr., Inc. d/b/a Ruggles Sign Company, Inc. v. Ventex Technology, Inc., 2011 U. S. Dist. LEXIS 78916 (E.D. Ky. 2011)

Humble v. Gill, 2009 Westlaw 151668 (W. D. Ky. 2009)

Fritz v. Campbell Hausfeld/Scott Fetzer Co., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38887 (E.D. Ky. 2007)

Gatewood v. Universal Underwriters Ins. Co., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67612 and 83377 (W.D. Ky. 2007)

### **Presentations**

- “The Judge’s Panel: A View for the Future”, ABA Section of Litigation Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Seminar, Tucson, AZ, February 2018
- “General Counsel Forum”, ABA Section of Litigation Corporate Counsel Seminar, Palm Springs, CA, February 2018
- “The Future of Litigation and Dispute Resolution”, Ohio State Bar Association All Ohio Legal Forum, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2016
- “Business Development Strategies”, ABA Section of Litigation Leadership Meeting Nashville, Tennessee, September 2014
- “Advancement to Ownership: What Happens Now?”, New Partners Conference, ABA Young Lawyers Division, Chicago, Illinois, February 2014
- “Now that You are an Owner”, New Partners Conference, ABA Young Lawyers Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 2011
- “General Counsel Forum”, Moderator, Kentucky Bar Association Convention, Lexington, Kentucky, June 2008
- “The Legal Community Working Together Nationally”, Panel Member, Kentucky Bar Association Convention, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2005
- “Responding to Aggressive Litigation Tactics”, ALFA International Client Seminar, Scottsdale, Arizona, March 2004

### **Publications**

- “Ten Tips for Developing Your Case Theme”, with Madonna E. Schueler GP Solo Magazine, September/October 2014
- “Zen and the Art of Support Staff Supervision”, The Young Lawyer, Volume 5, Number 3, December 2000
- “Practice in Federal Court: A Guide for New Lawyers”, Kentucky Bar Association New Lawyer Handbook, Kentucky Bar Association 1993, and Subsequent Editions

### **Service in Other Organizations**

American Bar Endowment  
Board of Directors 2012 – present

American Bar Foundation  
Board of Directors 2012 - 2015

Fayette County Bar Foundation  
Board of Directors 2012 - 2015

Mayor's Task Force on Police and Fire Pensions, Lexington, Kentucky  
Vice-Chair 2011 - 2013

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass  
Board of Directors 2009 - present  
Treasurer 2011 - present  
Co-Chair Lexington Capital Campaign 2014 - 2015

Leadership Kentucky  
Class of 2008

Fayette Education Foundation  
Board of Directors 2007 - 2009

International Book Project, Lexington, Kentucky (non-profit organization sending books and other media to developing countries)  
Board of Directors, 2000 - 2005  
Executive Committee, 2004  
Advisory Board 2011 - present

Bluegrass Tomorrow, Lexington, Kentucky (regional planning group)  
Board of Directors 1998 - 2009

Defense Research Institute  
Kentucky Chair, Large Firm Membership Initiative 2007

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, Inc., Lexington, Virginia (national collegiate leadership honor society headquartered at Washington & Lee University)  
National Counsel 1994 -2004 (volunteer position)

Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation, Inc., Lexington, Virginia  
President 2010 - 2014  
Vice-President 2006 - 2010  
Member, Board of Trustees 2004 - 2016  
Legal Counsel 1995 - 2004 (volunteer position)

North American Interfraternity Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Trustee, Legal Advocacy Fund 1999 - 2008

Delta Sigma Phi Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Secretary 2010 - 2011  
Executive Committee - 2006 - 2011  
Trustee 2005 - 2011  
Chair, Grant Review Committee 2006 - 2010

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Grand Council (National Board of Directors) 1991 - 1999  
National First Vice-President 1995 - 1999  
National Second Vice-President 1993 - 1995  
Risk Management Commissioner 1991 - 1993



Chair, Ritual Committee 1988 - 1991  
District Governor 1988 - 1991  
Deputy District Governor 1987 - 1988  
Co-Author, The Pyramid: A Guide to Chapter Planning  
Transylvania University  
Board of Trustees 2017 - Present  
Board of Regents 2013 - 2017  
Bluegrass Alumni Club Board of Directors, 1995 - 2004  
    President 2002 - 2003  
    Vice-President 2001 - 2002  
    Secretary/Treasurer 2000 - 2001  
University Task Force on Greek Recruiting 2003 - 2004  
Louisville Alumni Club Board of Directors 1993-95  
University of Kentucky  
    Big Sandy Young Alumni Club Board of Directors, 1990-91  
Fivco Area Development District  
    Long Term Care Ombudsman Advisory Committee, 1990-91

### **Other Honors, Awards and Designations**

AV Preeminent, Martindale Hubbell  
Best Lawyers in American, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability – Defense  
Kentucky Super Lawyer, Business Litigation, Personal Injury –Products  
International Who’s Who of Commercial Litigators  
Difference Makers Award for Community Service, ABA Solo, Small Firm & General  
    Practice Division, 2013  
Distinguished Service Award, Transylvania University, 2012  
Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2012  
Mr. Delta Sig Award (Fraternity’s Highest Honor), Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, 2011  
Life Member, Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the  
    Sixth Circuit 2010 - present  
Delegate by Appointment, Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Appeals  
    for the Sixth Circuit, Columbus, Ohio, May 2010  
Delegate by Appointment, Judicial Conference of the United States Court of  
    Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 2008  
Delegate by Appointment, Judicial Conference of the United States Court of  
    Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Detroit, Michigan, May 2006  
Distinguished Service Key, Omicron Delta Kappa Society, 2006  
Life Fellow, Kentucky Bar Foundation, 2005  
Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2004  
Harvey H. Hebert Memorial Award, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, 2001  
Meritorious Service Award, Omicron Delta Kappa Society, Inc., 2000  
Fellow, Kentucky Bar Foundation, 2000

Russell T. Roebuck Outstanding District Governor Award  
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, 1991  
University of Kentucky College of Law National Moot Court Team 1989-90  
Regional Runner-Up, Richmond, Virginia  
Competitor, National Rounds, New York, New York  
Moot Court Board, University of Kentucky College of Law 1989-90.  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Phi Alpha Theta

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