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Donovan Gibbs is a member of the Intellectual Property & Technology group, in the Louisville, Kentucky office. His practice focuses on counseling clients in litigation and transactional matters involving intellectual property. He assists clients with the selection, adoption, registration, and protection of their trademarks as well as registration of copyrights. He assists clients with a variety of transactional issues including those related to licensing of copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights. As someone who was once a college athlete himself, Donovan is passionate about providing counsel to players and protecting their NIL rights with a thoughtful and empathetic perspective, through lived experience.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Copyrights
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Licensing
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Sports & Entertainment
- Trademarks

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Kentucky

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Trade Secrets Basics  
Kentucky Intellectual Property Alliance (KYIPA) News, March 1, 2024
- People on the Move in Louisville: Donovan D. Gibbs II  
by editor, *Louisville Business First*, January 31, 2024

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Bar Association , Member
- Kentucky Bar Association , Member; PPA Committee Chair, IP Section
- Louisville Bar Association , Member

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Central High School, Street Law Program (2018-20)

## EDUCATION

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University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law J.D. 2020

- American Bar Association Representative
- Black Law Students Association, Member
- Kentucky Legal Equal Opportunity Program, Mentor (2019-20)
- Honor Council
- Harvey Johnston Academic Scholarship (3L)
- KLEO Scholarship

IUPUI B.A., Criminal Justice Certificate: Legal Studies (2017) 2014

- Student Athlete, Basketball, Team Captain (2010-14)

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Donovan joins Stites & Harbison after working as a Compliance Oversight and Program Advancement, Legal & Business Advisor for Humana, Inc. He was also an IP attorney for a small firm in Louisville. Outside of work, Donovan is a life-long athlete and sports enthusiast. After completing his four years of Division-1 basketball, he continued to compete in semi-pro and pro-am leagues throughout Kentucky and Indiana. Aside from playing basketball, he enjoys all things active, including participating in 5Ks, boxing classes, and experimenting with yoga. He says learning to golf may be his next venture. Other than sports, Donovan loves to travel, visit museums, attend concerts, and spend time with his Cane Corso, Sosa.