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HONORS & AWARDS

- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2023-2027, Construction Law
- Kentucky Super Lawyers®, 2013-2014
- Lexington Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Man of the Year, 2005

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Real Estate Law

Construction Law

Commercial and Business Litigation

Commercial Lease Disputes

Contract Negotiation Preparation Review

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 2002

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 2003

U.S. District Court Western

Through his work as a real estate attorney in Lexington, Kentucky, Brendan Yates gets to see how the city developed in the past and how it's evolving for the future. In his practice, Brendan helps his clients address their real estate needs, whether commercial or residential, as they shape the communities in which they live and work. He understands that a transaction is more than just a legal process to his clients, so he approaches every matter with a listening ear and a practical approach to ensure that his clients are comfortable and confident throughout even the most complicated transactions and/or legal disputes.

Brendan has the knowledge, skills, and experience to handle any real estate or construction legal needs his clients may have, including residential and commercial closings, drafting and negotiating commercial and residential leases, residential and commercial lease disputes, landlord-tenant issues (including evictions and lease enforcement issues) and contract negotiation and review. Brendan also has a wealth of experience in commercial and business litigation, so he is prepared to advocate for his clients in even the most contentious situations. In any matter, Brendan places great value on making sure his clients stay informed and in assisting his clients achieve their desired goals and objectives.

District of Kentucky, 2003

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2003

EDUCATION

Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, J.D., 2002

- Honors: Member, Moot Court Board, 2000-2001
- Law Journal: *Journal of Law Education*, Member, 2001-2002

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, B.A., 1998

- Major: Political Science
- Minor: Business

Outside of the office, Brendan enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending live music events, and traveling. He served on the board of the Lexington Public Library Foundation from 2014 to 2020.

News

IN THE MEDIA - Fifty McBrayer Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers® for 2027*
August 20, 2026

McBrayer PLLC Achieves Record-Breaking Recognition in *Best Lawyers in America® 2026*
August 21, 2025

New Record Set: 51 McBrayer Attorneys Honored in Best Lawyers 2025
August 15, 2024

Another Record! 49 McBrayer Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers® 2024
August 17, 2023

A Record Number! Thirty McBrayer Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers® in America* Lists for 2023
August 18, 2022

22 McBrayer Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of Super Lawyers
December 30, 2021

Kentucky Court of Appeals Issues Opinion in *D. W. Wilburn, Inc. et al v. The Painting Company et al*
April 15, 2019

Victory for the Construction Industry: Kentucky Court of Appeals holds opinion on statue of limitations
The Court's rulings regarding the enforceability of these statues will likely have far-reaching effects on how construction defect and design cases are litigated in Kentucky in the future.
September 22, 2017

Kentucky Court of Appeals Reverses Prior Order
September 15, 2017

Newsletters

Eviction with Conviction: Making Sure You Evict Legally
June 2013

Protecting Those Who Protect Our Country – An Overview of USERRA
December 2011

Professional Activities

- Kentucky Bar Association, Member, 2002-Present
- Fayette County Bar Association, Member, 2002-Present
- Rotary Club of Lexington, Member, 2012-Present
- Bluegrass Conservancy, Young Friends of the Bluegrass, Member, 2008-2010
- University of Kentucky Fellows Society, Henry Stites Barker Fellow, 1998-Present