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HONORS & AWARDS

- Kentucky Super Lawyers®, 2023-2026 (Construction Litigation)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2013-2027 (Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law)
- AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Construction Law

Planning and Zoning

Eminent Domain

Commercial and Business Litigation

Contract Negotiation Preparation Review

Non-Compete Agreements

Dispute Resolution

For over 30 years, Jon Woodall has served as a trusted legal advisor to business owners and operators facing high-stakes challenges in demanding environments, especially those in the construction and real estate development industries. Recognizing that critical legal issues rarely arise on a convenient schedule, he has earned a reputation for being exceptionally responsive, accessible, and solution oriented. Clients turn to Jon not only for his extensive legal knowledge and practical judgment, but also for his ability to leverage the broad experience of McBrayer's attorneys to develop effective, business-minded solutions to complex problems.

An experienced attorney and problem solver, Jon is prepared to respond to the specific needs of his clients in Lexington and throughout the Commonwealth in the areas of construction law, non-compete enforcement, and land use planning, including eminent domain defense. Jon has tried numerous eminent domain and construction-based cases to successful verdicts in courts throughout Kentucky. He assists developers in their efforts from the zone map amendment phase through construction plans. He helps his clients protect their market positions, navigate complex legal environments, and achieve their business goals and objectives. Jon and the McBrayer team accomplish their goals through intense preparation accompanied with seasoned experience in their areas of

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Trucking & Commercial Transportation

Economic Development and Business Incentives

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 1994

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 1994

U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky, 1994

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1994

EDUCATION

Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, Kentucky, J.D., 1994

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, B.A., 1990

- Major: Corporate Finance

practice. Some of our recent successes in the land use planning area are as follows:

- The Maxwell Project (East Maxwell Street and Stone Avenue) – student housing
- The Standard at Lexington, Landmark Properties (South Broadway and Chair Avenue) – student housing
- Transylvania Haggard Project – affordable housing
- Woodland Christian Church – affordable housing
- Parkside Shopping Center, Frankfort, KY
- The Paddocks Regional Shopping Center, Frankfort, KY
- Georgetown Commons, Georgetown, KY
- Elkhorn Village Center – Georgetown, KY
- Bardstown Bourbon Rickhouse Expansion - Bardstown, KY

McBrayer has also emerged as a leader in the area of enterprise data center development, counseling developers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Jon is committed to giving back to our community through leadership, sponsorship, and support of community causes. He is very active in civic affairs at the state and local level, especially those involving the conservation of our natural resources and the protection and personal development of Kentucky's children. He has served as Chairman of the Board of the High Street YMCA and is currently the President of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, an organization that supports conservation and youth education efforts throughout Kentucky. Jon also serves as a member of the Child Foster Care Review Board in Fayette and Johnson counties. A father of three boys, Jon is a former Little League baseball coach and is a past president of Eastern Little League in Lexington. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys cycling, snow skiing, hunting and fishing with his family.

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Counsels clients on issues relating to contract formation and performance as well as the litigation of complex construction and commercial disputes at the state, federal, and administrative levels.
- Represents contractors, developers, builders, owners and their insurers in construction related disputes before administrative bodies such as OSHA, various environmental protection agencies, and labor oversight divisions.

News

McBrayer proudly sponsors Fayette County Bar Association's Centennial Celebration
September 17, 2026

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

IN THE MEDIA - McBrayer Supports the Successful Launch of The Oaks at Woodland
March 27, 2026

Celebrating Excellence: 40 McBrayer Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers
December 16, 2025

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

Member Jon A. Woodall Selected to Central Bank & Trust Co. Advisory Board
August 11, 2025

McBrayer Member Jon A. Woodall Elected to Board of Directors of Meritas, a Global Alliance of Law Firms

Leading the Way in Legal Excellence: 38 McBrayer Attorneys Honored in 2025 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
December 17, 2024

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

McBrayer Earns Record Number Named to Super Lawyers Lists for 2024
January 9, 2024

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Led by Member Jon Woodall, Surpasses Half-Million Dollar Mark in Scholarships Provided
September 6, 2023

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

25 McBrayer Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists for 2023
December 29, 2022

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

Member Jon Woodall Participates in Single Barrel Selection to Benefit Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation
March 10, 2022

McBrayer Member Jon A. Woodall Named to Bluegrass Tomorrow Board
September 7, 2021

McBrayer Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers® in America* List for 2022
August 19, 2021

McBrayer Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers® in America* List for 2021
August 20, 2020

Jon Woodall and Trevor Nichols Secure Unanimous Favorable Jury Verdict for Client Justin Moore
October 31, 2019

McBrayer Attorneys receive U.S. News Best Lawyers Distinction for 2020
U.S. News – Best Lawyers® in America, September 4, 2019

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

McBrayer Attorneys receive U.S. News Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers Distinctions for 2019
December 19, 2018

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

McBrayer attorneys named to U.S. News Best Lawyers including 3 Lawyer of the Year honors
Attorneys from McBrayer law offices in Lexington and Louisville achieved a 2018 listing in U.S. News Best Lawyers in America
August 15, 2017

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

McBrayer Attorneys Join Business Leaders at KY Chamber's 31st Chamber Day Dinner
January 8, 2026

Getting It "Write": A McBrayer Employment Law Seminar, Louisville, KY
September 30, 2014

Getting It "Write": A McBrayer Employment Law Seminar, Lexington, KY
September 28, 2014

The Basics Land Use, Planning & Zoning, University of Kentucky CLE, Technological Presentation, September 2013

Newsletters

The State of Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction
April 2013

Risk Analysis Essential in Today's Economy
January 2012

Professional Activities

- Meritas Worldwide Board of Directors, Member, Present
- Central Bank & Trust Co.'s Lexington Advisory Board, Member, Present

- American Bar Association, Member, 2000-Present
- Fayette County Bar Association, Member, 1994-Present
- Fayette County Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2025-Present
- Federal Bar Association, Member, 2013-Present
- Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Infrastructure Policy Council, 2010-Present
- Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, President, 2000-Present
- Child Foster Care Review Board – Fayette and Johnson counties, Present
- Co-Author (with Cindy Effinger) of chapter on Kentucky in *Noncompete Agreements and Related Restrictive Covenants*, Russell Beck and Erika Hahn, March 2026. Noncompete Agreements and Related Restrictive Covenants | Treatise - PLI

Published Decisions

Supreme Court of Kentucky:

11/21/2001: Barbara Montgomery v. Atlantic Records Corporation and John Michael Montgomery, et al. Citation: 60 S.W.3d 524, Docket Number: 1999-SC-1111-DG

6/19/2014: Charles T. Creech, Inc. v. Donald E. Brown Docket Numbers: 2012-SC-000651-DG, 2012-SC-000693-DG

6/14/2018: Hensley v. Haynes Trucking, LLC Docket Number: 2016-SC-000180-DG

11/1/2018: Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government v. Justin T. Moore Docket Number: 2017-SC-000555-DG; 559 S.W.3d 374

Kentucky Court of Appeals:

6/27/2003: Griffith v. Flynn; City of Georgetown; Don Hawkins and Scott County Docket Numbers: 2002-CA-000389-MR, 2002-CA-000666-MR

9/22/2017: Carolyn Breedlove v. Smith Custom Homes, Inc., et al. Docket No. 2016-CA-000173-MR

4/12/2019: D.W. Wilburn, Inc., et al. v. The Painting Co. et al. Docket No. 2017-CA-000968-MR

6/5/2026: Field & Main Bank, Inc., et al. v. Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways Docket No. 2025-CA-0216-MR