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HONORS & AWARDS

- Kentucky Super Lawyers®, Rising Star, 2025, Business/ Corporate
- Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, 2026-2027, Intellectual Property Law

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Contract Negotiation Preparation Review

Copyright

DMCA Agent Services

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property and Corporate Transactions

Trademarks

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Advertising and Entertainment Law

Business and Corporate Law

Data Privacy, Security and Technology

Infringement Litigation

Katherine Moore Donnelly is part of the intellectual property practice at McBrayer PLLC. Much of Katherine's work also focuses on transactional matters, particularly contract review and the negotiation of commercial agreements related to supply chain, energy transactions, and construction agreements. Katherine utilizes strategic expertise and clear, concise communication to protect clients' interests. She understands the significance of a client-centered approach and upholds ethical standards to foster trust in client relationships.

Katherine's experience in the primary fields of intellectual property and transactional law has equipped her with the skills to effectively protect and enhance clients' intellectual property assets. This background has also helped her cultivate an understanding and appreciation for the significance of client business, risk, and intellectual property factors when reviewing commercial or construction agreements. Besides contract review and negotiation, she drafts and reviews licenses, assignments, and other types of agreements related to intellectual property. Katherine supports infringement litigation, files trademark, and copyright registration applications, and handles trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings. Her approach is meticulous, and clients can rely on her for thorough contract review services. Katherine's primary aim is to deliver trustworthy and cost-effective service with integrity,

Right of Publicity

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 2020

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk, Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, 2018

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law,
Lexington, Kentucky, J.D., 2019

- Law Journal: Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Law: Production Editor; Note Published
- Honors: CALI Award in Legal Writing & Research, Kentucky Legal Writing & Research

Transylvania University,
Lexington, KY, B.A., 2013

- Major: Art History
- Minors: History & Studio Art
- Honors: Cum Laude

always striving for the best possible outcome for her clients. Professionally, she is involved in the Kentucky Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and the Intellectual Property Law Group and is also a member of the International Trademark Association.

When she is not practicing, Katherine enjoys spending time with her husband, two children, and two dogs. She is fond of traveling and reads in her spare time.

For more insight into the world of intellectual property and its day-to-day application, subscribe to our podcast, Protected Thoughts, from the minds of Katie and the McBrayer IP team:

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Analyze and evaluate all aspects of commercial agreements to ensure client interests are protected and potential risks are mitigated effectively.
- Successfully negotiated and managed a $10 million construction agreement and oversaw the ongoing legal aspects of the project for the development of a client's headquarters.
- Reviews and negotiates supply chain agreements for a gas, transmission, and pipeline group (commercial agreements).
- Drafts assignments, licenses, and coexistence agreements involving intellectual property assets.

- Drafts website terms and conditions and privacy notices.

Kentucky Leader

- Lexington Art League Board Member, 2021-2022
- Lexington Art League Board, Executive Member, Secretary, 2023-2024

Professional Activities

- Kentucky Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division
- Kentucky Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Group
- International Trademark Association

News

IN THE MEDIA: McBrayer ranked 4th largest Intellectual Property firm in Louisville
August 28, 2026

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

McBrayer Intellectual Property teams attends INTA in London
May 6, 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

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

McBrayer Names New Practice Head in Intellectual Property
October 15, 2024

McBrayer's Intellectual Property Attorneys Create Podcast, *Protected Thoughts*!
May 15, 2024

On World Intellectual Property Day, McBrayer Announces the Expansion of Its Intellectual Property Practice and More
April 26, 2024