

LUKE MORGAN

Member

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HONORS & AWARDS

- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2014, Lexington Criminal Defense: White-Collar "Lawyer of the Year"
- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2013-2027, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass Champion of Children award, 2011
- Elected Distinguished Leader of Commerce Lexington's Leadership Lexington Class, 2008

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Administrative Law

Certificate Of Need (CON) Law

Commercial and Business Litigation

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Claims

Healthcare Law

Healthcare Regulatory

Luke Morgan is a litigator who dedicates most of his time to business litigation, concentrating on disputes between healthcare providers and practice groups. He also manages investigations of corporations and individuals by governmental agencies. His highest priority is to assist his clients in achieving their goals. Luke looks ahead and considers potential challenges for his clients, anticipating any problems or pitfalls they might face—and he helps them avoid these obstacles. Luke's practice spans a wide range of areas, from litigation and healthcare law to tourism, employment, and agriculture.

He has also conducted several administrative hearings by representing state agencies, including the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, or by representing individuals facing violations or charges from agencies such as the Executive Branch Ethics Commission and the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control. His experience with state and local agencies also includes matters related to the Kentucky Open Records Act and the Open Meetings Act.

Luke's practice is supplemented by his in-depth knowledge of criminal law, which he gained through 13 years as a felony prosecutor in Lexington and later with the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, where he served as Director of the Special Prosecutions Division. He also served as general counsel of the

Compliance

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Agriculture

Gaming Law

Hemp Production

Horse Racing and Gaming

Hospitality and Tourism Law

Mediation Services

Medicaid and Medicare Reimbursement

Pharmacy Law

Politics, Elections, and Campaign Finance

Transactional Healthcare and Transactional Agreements

Utilities

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 1989

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 1998

U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2004

U.S. Supreme Court, 2000

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky, J.D., 1989

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Champaign, Illinois, B.A., 1985

- Major: U.S. History
- Daily Illini, writer and photographer

Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet from 2004 until coming to McBrayer in 2006, which provided him with valuable insight into how state government approaches issues.

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Represents physicians and practice groups in business litigation.
- Represents individuals and corporations in investigations performed by government investigators.
- Represents persons and government agencies in a wide range of administrative hearings.
- Conducted a 2016 jury trial that received the highest award for claims involving civil rights abuses in Fayette County Circuit Court history.
- Has tried more than 150 jury trials across Kentucky.
- Represents the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission in administrative hearings.

Kentucky Leader

- Kentucky Association of Children's Advocacy Centers, Records Protection Ad Hoc Committee, 2012 to Present
- Camp Horsin' Around, Board of Directors

Professional Activities

Lexington Forum, Board of Directors, President-Elect 2023

Fayette County Bar Foundation, Member, Board of Directors

Kentucky Bar Association, Member

Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, Vice President, 2008 to 2014

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

Member Luke Morgan Interviewed for Everyday Kentucky
October 12, 2022

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

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

McBrayer Members James H. Frazier, III, Stephen Amato, Cindy Effinger, Luke Morgan quoted in The Lane Report
The Lane Report, October 19, 2020

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

McBrayer's Health Care Law Practice Area Makes Business Lexington's BizList
Business Lexington, November 2019, November 1, 2019

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

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

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

Lou Anna Red Corn sworn in as Commonwealth's Attorney for Fayette County
Lexington Herald-Leader, October 4, 2016

Comer To Push For Kentucky To Issue Hemp Licenses By Year's End
August 30, 2013

Hemp Will Grow; Will It Sell?
August 2013

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

Applying the Rules of Evidence: What Every Attorney Needs to Know, National Business Institute, Thursday, November 14, 2013

Fraud & Abuse, Kentucky Pharmacists Association, June 2013

Legal Issues for Restaurants, Bars and Hotels - A Critical Update, McBrayer law, February 2013

Continuing Legal Education, Trial Tactics, National Business Institute, 2012

Spoke on local government uses of Hotel and Restaurant tax revenues, KY Visitor and Convention Bureau, 2012

Moderated a presentation entitled "The Pharmacy as a Workplace", Kentucky Pharmacists Association, 2012

Continuing Legal Education, Administrative Law, 2010 KBA Convention, 2010 - 2011

Continuing Legal Education, Fayette & Kentucky Bar Associations, Use of Technology in the Courtroom, 2009 - Present