

MITCHEL DENHAM

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HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America®, 2025-2027, Commercial Litigation, Healthcare Law, Litigation - Labor and Employment, Litigation - Municipal

Louisville Business First – 40 Under Forty Award, 2012

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Administrative Law

Commercial and Business Litigation

Employment Litigation

Government Investigations

Corporate Investigations

Healthcare Law

Politics, Elections, and Campaign Finance

Economic Development and Business Incentives

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 2003

U.S. District Court for the Eastern

Mitchel Denham is a Member of McBrayer PLLC in the firm's Louisville office. He advises businesses, healthcare organizations, government entities, and employers on complex regulatory matters, general civil litigation, government enforcement, and Constitutional issues. Drawing on extensive experience in both public service and private practice, Mitchel helps clients navigate high-stakes legal challenges, manage risk, and achieve business objectives.

Before joining McBrayer, Mitchel served as the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, where he worked closely with the Attorney General and supervised every division of the office. During his tenure, he also served as the Executive Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Acting Director of the Office of Special Prosecutions, and Acting Director of the Office of Victims Advocacy. He helped lead the Commonwealth's efforts in securing several multi-million-dollar settlements involving pharmaceutical companies and medical device manufacturers, and directed litigation involving significant constitutional and policy issues. Earlier in his career, he served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, prosecuting public corruption, organized crime, gang activity, and other felony offenses.

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District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY, J.D., 2003

Centre College, Danville, KY, B.S. in Economics, 2000

Today, Mitchel represents clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small business owners, healthcare providers, political campaigns, and government entities. He regularly appears before administrative agencies, state and federal courts, including the Kentucky Supreme Court. He has also appeared before the United States Supreme Court. Whether advising clients behind the scenes, defending enforcement actions, or litigating complex disputes, Mitchel draws on his broad experience grounded in decades of courtroom and government experience to provide strategic counsel.

Committed to serving Kentucky beyond his legal practice, Mitchel was appointed by Governor Andy Beshear to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees in 2026. The Board of Trustees governs the University in all matters affecting the institution and exercises jurisdiction over the institution's financial, educational, and other policies and its relationship with state and federal governments. Mitchel is an elected member of the OneLouisville Board of Directors, the economic development organization and regional chamber of commerce for Louisville. Previously, in 2020, Governor Beshear appointed Mitchel to the Board of Directors for the Louisville Regional Airport Authority, which governs Muhammad Ali International Airport, the largest cargo airport in North America, and Bowman Field. Governor Beshear also appointed Mitchel to the Kentucky Personnel Board, where he currently serves as its Chair. Mitchel also served 12 years as a Member and Treasurer for the Norton Children’s Hospital Foundation. Mitchel is a graduate of Leadership Kentucky (2019) and Leadership Louisville’s Bingham Fellows (2024). In 2012, he was recognized as part of Louisville Business First's 40 Under Forty class.

Mitchel grew up in Maysville, Kentucky, and is a proud alumnus of Mason County High School, Centre College, and the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. He lives in Louisville with his wife and three children, and in his spare time, he helps coach his daughter’s basketball team.

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Represents clients before various administrative agencies.
- Provides healthcare clients with Stark and Anti-Kickback analysis and defends against claims.
- Managed Care payor disputes.
- Economic Development
- Defends employers and municipalities in employment law matters.

Kentucky Leader

- Leadership Louisville, Bingham Fellows Class of 2024
- Louisville Economic Development Alliance, Member
- Kentucky Personnel Board, Vice-Chair
- Leadership Kentucky, Alumnus, 2019
- Louisville Regional Airport Authority, Board of Directors
- Norton Children's Hospital Foundation, Treasurer

News

McBrayer partners with One Louisville for 2026 FAM Tour
October 2, 2026

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

IN THE MEDIA: Gov. Beshear appoints McBrayer PLLC Member Mitchel Denham to University of Kentucky Board of Trustees
The Lane Report, July 31, 2026

IN THE MEDIA: Mitchel Denham Appointment to UK Board of Trustees featured in Louisville Business First
July 23, 2026

McBrayer's Mitchel Denham Appointed to University of Kentucky Board of Trustees
July 9, 2026

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

Another Two Wins at the Kentucky Supreme Court for McBrayer Member Mitchel Denham
November 15, 2024

Member Mitchel Denham Appointed by Louisville Mayor to Serve on Louisville Economic Development Alliance (LEDA)
September 3, 2024

McBrayer Member Mitchel Denham Re-Appointed to Louisville Regional Airport Authority Board by KY Governor
August 26, 2024

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

McBrayer Member Mitchel Denham Named to Bingham Fellows Class of 2024
February 7, 2024

Another Client Victory at the Kentucky Supreme Court
December 19, 2023

McBrayer Member Mitchel Denham Named Beshear Inauguration Co-Chair
December 5, 2023

McBrayer Louisville Office Continues to Grow with Addition of Mitchel Denham
June 5, 2023

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

McBrayer Sponsors KY Inno's Startups to Watch 2026
March 5, 2026

Mitchel T. Denham to Speak at Lexington Medical Society's Augmented Intelligence Symposium
November 6, 2024