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HONORS & AWARDS

- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2023-2027, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- Kentucky Super Lawyer®, Rising Star, 2019-2023, Real Estate
- FCBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2018
- University of Kentucky - Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Service Award Winner, 2018

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Planning and Zoning

Real Estate Law

Commercial Lending

Multi-Family Development and Affordable Housing

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Gaming Law

Shopping Center and Retail Development

As a real estate and development attorney, Preston Worley's practice centers on making communities in Lexington, Kentucky, and beyond the best they can be. In his practice, he primarily focuses on real estate development, planning and zoning, single and multi-family housing, mixed use residential neighborhoods, and affordable housing developments. Preston represents lenders, investors, and developers in structuring and closing new construction, rehabilitation projects, and land/asset purchases and sales, as well as annexing, re-zoning, and subdividing property for development, helping his clients to make their ideas for projects a reality. Each matter he takes on for a client Preston sees as an opportunity to build communities that best serve their members in their day-to-day lives.

Another facet of Preston's practice that contributes to his community-minded philosophy is his work with non-profit organizations, which he advises in areas such as corporate governance and community development. Preston also assists clients in Kentucky's signature horse-racing industry, representing racetracks, racecourses, and parimutuel wagering associations as they navigate the complex and ever-changing world of gaming law. He is experienced in representing these entities before the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and in litigation including loss recovery act defense.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation

Nonprofit Institutions and Associations

Commercial and Business Litigation

Economic Development and Business Incentives

Horse Racing and Gaming

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky, 2010

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 2010

U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky, 2010

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2010

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky, J.D., 2010

- Vice President, Student Bar Association, 2008-2009
- Student Government Supreme Court, Chief Justice 2009-2010
- UK Trial Team, Member, helped lead the team to a 2nd in the nation ranking, 2008-2010
- Kentucky Trial Tournament Best Advocate Award, 2008
- CALI award for litigation skills, 2010

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, 2007

- Graduated with Honors in the History Department
- Golden Key Honour Society 2004 - Present

One characteristic that drew Preston to practice law at McBrayer is the devotion and support from firm management regarding community service and philanthropic passions. In addition to his practice, Preston served in the elected role of Councilmember for the 7th District of Lexington from 2017-2025. He considered it a great honor and pleasure to serve his constituents as he worked with them to make Lexington the best place to live, work, and enjoy.

Preston also lends his time raising funds for families and children who are dealing with specific healthcare needs at the Kentucky Children's Hospital. During his undergraduate years at the University of Kentucky, he served as one of the early leaders for the University of Kentucky DanceBlue dance marathon, a year-long, student-run fundraiser which raises in excess of $1 million each year to support the kids of the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Clinic, as well as research done at the Markey Cancer Center through The Golden Matrix Fund. For nearly a decade, he served as Chairman of the Golden Matrix Fund, participating in their mission to provide care, comfort, and support for children and their families. Preston continues to serve on the Executive Development Council of the Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Professional Activities

- Lexington For Everyone - Board of Directors, Member
- Lexington History Museum, Inc. - Board of Trustees, Chair

News

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

- DanceBlue, Corporate Relations Chairman
- Major: History

Member Preston Worley Joins Lexington For Everyone's Board of Directors
December 8, 2025

Member Preston Worley Elected Chair of Lexington History Museum Board
September 2, 2025

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

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

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

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

Once Again, McBrayer Attorneys Receive Super Lawyers Distinctions for 2021
Super Lawyers, December 10, 2020

Associate Preston Worley Working with the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission
March 25, 2020

We Made the List Again! McBrayer Attorneys Receive Super Lawyers Distinctions for 2020
Super Lawyers, December 2, 2019

2018 Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Service Award Winner Preston C. Worley
June 27, 2019

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

Preston Worley maintains seat on Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
November 7, 2018

Lexington Mayor Jim Gray taps son of former state senator for open council seat
Lexington Herald Leader, December 22, 2017

McBrayer Attorney Preston Clark Worley appointed to Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
December 21, 2017

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

Member Preston Worley Speaks to Local Inn of Court
March 10, 2026

UK CLE 14th Biennial Real Estate Law & Practice Institute
Tips and Traps in Landlord/Tenant Law
Lexington KY, April 2017

Newsletters

The Ties That Bind: Is Your Arbitration Agreement Enforceable and Binding?
September 2011

Professional Activities

- Councilmember, 7th District, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, 2017-Present
- Ellerslie at Delong Home Owners Association Board Member, 2017-2022
- Coaches for the Kids, Inc., Board Member 2017-Present

- Downtown Lexington Corporation, Board Member, 2012-2013
- University of Kentucky Children's Hospital Executive Development Council, Member, 2012-Present
- Golden Matrix Fund Advisory Council, Chair, 2012-2020
- Commerce Lexington Leadership Lexington Program 2011-2012
- Fayette County Bar Association, Member, 2011-Present
- Lexington History Museum, General Counsel, 2011-2018
- Kentucky Bar Association, Member, 2010-Present
- Kentucky Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, 2010-Present