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Stephen S. Burchett is a Member in the Health Care industry group, focusing primarily on health care litigation and medical malpractice. He practices out of the Firm's office in Lexington, Kentucky.

If you need a medical malpractice attorney, you would be well served to hire one who has been certified by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys. With only about 200 attorneys in the United States holding this distinction, however, that's easier said than done. In Stephen, Jackson Kelly can count one of these rarified attorneys among its ranks.

As the son of a small-town surgeon, perhaps it was only a matter of time before Stephen became involved in medicine. He is widely regarded as one of the leading trial attorneys in arena of medical malpractice defense, having tried more than 50 cases to verdict in notoriously plaintiff-friendly venues in Appalachia with remarkable success. Stephen and his excellent litigation support team defend clients throughout our region in cases involving high exposure, multiple litigants, and complex medicine. Stephen is further committed to representing the business interests of his medical clients and preserving their hard-earned reputations. In an effort to protect quality medical care inside and outside of the courtroom, he also works extensively with state licensing boards, credentialing bodies, and in defending criminal prosecutions.

In his spare time, Stephen enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, and fishing. He and his wife, Jennie, like spending time outdoors hiking together and cooking great meals. There also is no shortage of family activities to attend between their two children, Troy and Anne. Troy is a musician in a touring rock band, and Anne is an avid equestrian.

Awards

- *Best Lawyers*® Lexington Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" (2019)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2014-2025)
- Board-Certified in Medical Malpractice Defense, American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys
- *West Virginia Super Lawyer*® - Medical Malpractice Defense (2007-2010, 2015-2018)
- *West Virginia's Top Lawyers*, The State Journal
- *America's Best Lawyers*® - Medical Malpractice Defense

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2017-Present)
- Offutt Nord Burchett, PLLC (2003-2017)
- Offutt Nord, PLLC (2001-2002)

- VanAntwerp, Monge, Jones & Edwards (1994-2001)
- Gallion, Baker & Bray (1992-1994)

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Nursing Home Liability

Industries

- Health Care

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law (J.D., 1992)
 - Student Bar Association, President
- University of Virginia (B.A., 1989)
 - Jefferson Scholar
 - Echols Scholar

Admissions

- West Virginia (2003)
- Kentucky (1992)
- All Kentucky Circuit and District Courts
- All West Virginia Circuit and Magistrate Courts
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- Kentucky Supreme Court
- Kentucky Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

Professional Organizations

- Kentucky Bar Association, Member, Legislative Committee (2011-Present)
- American Bar Association

Community

- Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Tri-State, Inc., Director (2000-2003)
- Community Kitchen, Director (1999-2000)

Speaking Engagements & Publications

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- Speaker, "Baptist Health, Efforts to Manage Impact and Overturn the Decision," Kentucky Hospital Association's 90th Annual Convention, Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, Kentucky, May 10, 2019