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## Practice Areas

- Appellate Work
- Arbitration
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Bad Faith
- Bank Litigation: Collections and Foreclosures
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Construction Defect Litigation
- Contract Disputes
- Coverage Litigation
- Directors and Officers Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Elevator Liability
- Excess Liability Claims
- Fraud Defense/EUO
- Insurance Agent (E&O)
- Legal Malpractice (E&O)
- Mediation
- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- PIP
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Retail and Restaurant (Premises Liability)
- Real Estate (E&O)
- Real Estate Closings
- Transportation Defense
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

M. Jake Bliss focuses his civil defense practice on professional liability, transportation, bad faith, employment law, premises liability, coverage, business and commercial contracts and litigation, home insurance claims, as well as real estate litigation. Jake is skilled at handling high-exposure cases and complex legal matters. He recently settled a premises liability case with a demand in excess of \$2 million for an amount substantially below policy limits.

Jake has represented retail corporations, product manufacturers, doctors, lawyers, distributors, general contractors, restaurants and bars, transportation companies, and heavy equipment companies on a variety of litigation matters.

As a member of the firm's Rapid Response Team, Jake is available 24/7 to immediately deploy to the scene of a major accident. At the scene, he will undertake an investigation of the evidence and direct experts to evaluate the accident for possible exposure and defenses.

Throughout his career, Jake has defended large and small corporations, as well as professional individuals throughout the State of Kentucky in multiple areas of civil litigation through trial and mediation of liability. He has extensive trial experience and has tried cases in front of many judges throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky in both state and federal court, as well as numerous appellate cases.

## **Memberships**

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association

## **Trial and Case Highlights**

- *Jennings v. Drayer Physical Therapy*, Fayette Circuit Court (2014), Kentucky Court of Appeals (2016). Defense jury verdict on an alleged physical therapist malpractice; affirmed on appeal.
- *Elam v. Franz*, Kentucky Court of Appeals (2013) Affirmed trial court's denial of new trial following jury award of minimal medical expenses and zero for pain and suffering following impact of motor vehicle accident.

## **Admissions**

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

## **Education**

- University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D.
- University of Paris X-Nanterre, Comparative Law Program
- Transylvania University, B.A.