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Bill Harbison works primarily in the areas of corporate law and trusts and estates. He also handles litigation in those same practice categories.

Mr. Harbison graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and received his bachelor's degree with highest honors in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Education

- J.D., Harvard, 1980
- B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1977

Bar Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- Tennessee

Practice Areas

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Trusts & Estates
- Utilities & Municipal

Honors

- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* 2001-Present (Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Elder Law; Litigation-Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates)
- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* Lawyer of the Year 2019 (Elder Law)
- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* Lawyer of the Year 2018 (Trusts and Estates)
- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* Lawyer of the Year 2014, 2017 (Bet-the-Company Litigation)
- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* Lawyer of the Year 2011, 2013, 2015 (Litigation-Trusts & Estates)
- *Benchmark Litigation* 2013-2021 ("Litigation Star")
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers 2006-2020 (Litigation)
- Attorney for Justice Tennessee Supreme Court Pro Bono Service Award 2015-2017, 2020
- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers 2006-2020 (Estate and Trust Litigation) (Tennessee Top 100, 2011, 2014, 2019) (Nashville Top 50, 2013-2014, 2019)
- 2015 Nashvillian of the Year
- ACLU Bill of Rights Award 2015
- Nashville Business Journal Best of The Bar 2008-2009, 2011-2015
- Attorney of the Month as featured in *Attorney at Law Magazine*, December 2015
- Recipient of the 2012 Tennessee Bar Association's Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Award
- Business TN Magazine 150 Best Lawyers – 2010
- The Best Attorneys Network 2007-2008 (Commercial/Business Litigation and Wills)
- The Best of the U.S. LLC 2006-2008 (Trusts and Estates, Tax Law and Commercial Litigation)
- Tennessee Bar Journal Pro Bono Honor Roll 2001-2002
- Tennessee Bar Association Joseph W. Henry Award 1985

Professional Activities

- President of the Tennessee Bar Association 2015-2016
- Member of the Tennessee Supreme Court Board of Law Examiners
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Past president of the Nashville Bar Association
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Fellow
- Member of the Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations
- Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow
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- Past president of the Nashville Bar Foundation, 2002-2006
- Former general counsel to the Tennessee Bar Association
- Lecturer for the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations
- Member and past president of the Nashville Estate Planning Council
- Selected by the Tennessee Supreme Court to serve on the Board of Professional Responsibility Advisory Committee
- Hearing panel member of the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility
- Publisher of several articles in the Tennessee Bar Journal

Civic Activities

- Past member of the Nashville Metropolitan Planning Commission