### John F. Billings

# Business & Commercial Litigation Business Transactions & General Counsel Estate Planning & Probate

John is a veteran attorney, licensed in the states of Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, bringing nearly 40 years of experience in commercial transactions, business organizations, commercial and business litigation, real estate, planning and zoning, wills, trusts, estate planning, probate, maritime transactions, and creditors' rights matters.

John's extensive background in corporate litigation began in the 1980s at Ashland Oil where he practiced as Senior Group Counsel for nearly 20 years. Prior to joining BLF, John practiced Of Counsel at the former Greenbaum, Doll & McDonald (now Bingham, Greenbaum, Doll) as a member of the dispute resolution practice group, representing high-profile clients such as Marathon Petroleum, Lexington Coal Company, and Ashland Oil.

John and his wife live in Nicholasville and have five children. His greatest joy is being "Pappaw" to his seven grandchildren.

#### **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- US Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
- US District Courts, Eastern & Western Dist. of KY, Southern Dist. of WV, Southern Dist. of OH
- US Tax Court
- Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio State Courts

#### **NOTABLE CASES**

- Ashland Pub. Co. v. Asbury, Court of Appeals of Kentucky, 612
   S.W.2d 749
- Ray v. Ashland Oil, Inc., Court of Appeals of Kentucky, 389
   S.W.3d 140
- HNRC Dissolution Co., United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Sixth Circuit, 396 B.R. 461 2008 WL 4820643 (Withdrawal liability claim was not payable on priority basis as administrative expense.)



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#### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky

**B.A., University of Kentucky**, Lexington, Kentucky

## CIVIC & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Rotary Club of Nicholasville, KY
- Advisory Board, Assurance Care Center
- National Lawyers Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association

