

# W. DAVID DENTON

W. David Denton (Dave) is a 1969 graduate of the UK College of Law. A native of Somerset, Kentucky, he moved to Paducah upon graduating law school. In Paducah, he quickly made a name for himself not only as a premier attorney but also as a business and civic leader. In 1979 he founded one of the largest and most diverse law firms in the western Kentucky region. He currently serves as the managing attorney of the Denton Law Firm and oversees all management operations and professional development of the firm. With Dave's wealth of knowledge and over 50 years of legal experience, the firm greatly values his leadership.

Dave's business and civic accomplishments are noteworthy. He was the attorney and an organizing investor for the formation of Paducah Bank Shares, Inc., a holding company that owns and controls Paducah Bank & Trust Company. He has been involved as an investor, organizer and motivating force behind numerous real estate development projects and other highly successful business ventures during his career. He has served as the past chair of the Paducah-McCracken County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council where he has been highly influential in economic development throughout the western Kentucky region. He is a former member of the Kentucky Council of Higher Education and is currently the Chair of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Executive Branch Ethics Commission. He was the long-term Chair of the Paducah-McCracken Public Library Board of Trustees. Dave also takes great pride in his recent induction into the University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame.

Having a passion for education, he successfully chaired a fundraising campaign which raised more than \$8.4 million—entirely through private donations in Paducah—for the construction of the University of Kentucky College Of Engineering on the Paducah campus of West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

## **Practice Areas**

- Administrative Law
- Banking
- Business Corporations & Partnerships
- Communications & Media
- Contracts & Commercial Law
- Franchise Law
- General Practice
- Government Contracts & Programs
- Health Care & Hospital Law
- Insurance

## **Personal**

- Born: Lexington, Kentucky; November 8, 1941
- He married Ann Denton in 1965. They have two sons, Glenn and Matt.

## **Education**

- Murray State University, B.S., 1964
- University of Kentucky, J.D., 1969
- Admitted to Kentucky Bar Association, 1969

## **Career Review**

- United States Army, 1964-1966
- Attorney and an organizing investor for the formation of Paducah Bank Shares, Inc., a locally owned, independent bank
- Attended and participated in arbitration seminars presented by the American Health Lawyers Association addressing various approaches for resolving medical/business disputes through the use of mediation and arbitration
- Served as outside counsel for Lourdes Hospital since 1991
- As the past Chair of the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council, David successfully guided a project known as Riverport West, acquiring options to purchase approximately 1,300 acres on the Ohio River for development as an intermodal industrial park. He is currently on the Executive Board.
- Served as outside counsel for the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority for over 30 years
- Served as corporation counsel for the City of Paducah for over 30 years

## **Professional Associations**

- Kentucky Bar Association
- McCracken County Bar Association

## **Professional/Personal Achievements**

- AV Preeminent Rating with Martindale-Hubbell
- Kentucky Bar Association, Senior Counselor for 50 years practicing law, 2016
- 2014 CLE Award Recipient, Kentucky Bar Association
- [Inducted into University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame, 2014](#)
- Director, Kentucky Humanities Council, 2013-2017
- [Chair, Executive Branch Ethics Commission, 2009-present](#)
- Murray State University Regional Advisory Board, 2008-2009
- 2008 Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Twenty-Year Leadership and Service Award, November 2008
- Hero of the Red Cross, Paducah Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2008
- Rotarian of the Year, Rotary Club of Paducah, 2007
- [Honored by McCracken County Public Library, December 2006](#)
- Chair, Greater Paducah Economic Development Council, 2006
- Vice Chairman, Greater Paducah Economic Development Council, 2004
- Director, Kentucky Bar Foundation, 2003-2010
- Life Fellow, Kentucky Bar Foundation, 2003
- Director, Kentucky Western Waterways, 2003-2004
- Chair of the Lourdes Foundation Board, 2003-2005
- Law Advisor to the County Sheriff's Merit Board, 2002
- [City of Paducah, Distinguished Citizen Award, 2002](#)

- Corporation Counsel, [City of Paducah](#), 1972-1979; 1989-present
- Past President, Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky
- Past President, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce
- Past President, Greater Paducah Industrial Development, Inc.
- Past President, Rotary Club of Paducah
- Past President, Easter Seals of West Kentucky, Inc.
- Past President, Country Club of Paducah
- Board of Directors, McCracken County Public Library
- Former Chair, Board of Trustees, McCracken County Public Library, 13 years.
- Former Member, Kentucky Council of Higher Education
- Former Director, Kentucky Hospital Attorney Association
- President, McCracken County Bar Association, 1994-95
- Secretary-Treasurer, Paducah Bank Shares, Inc., 1981-Present
- Former Director, Board of University of Kentucky Law Alumni
- Member, Board of University of Kentucky Law Alumni
- Chair, Paducah Community College Engineering Gift Campaign, 1995
- Chair, Paducah Community College Challenger Space Center Campaign
- US Naval War College. Civilian Participant, 1996
- USAF Air War College. Civilian Participant, 1995
- Boss of the Year, International Association of Administrative Professionals, 1984
- Director, The Paducah Bank and Trust Company, 1978-Present
- Director, Grand Rivers Foundation, Inc.
- Member, Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education
- Vice Chair, Paducah Community College Development Council
- Director, Kentucky Western Waterways
- Member, Corporate Compliance Committee (Mercy Health Kentucky Indiana Region)
- Member/Finance Chair, West Kentucky Regional Roundtable
- Speaker – Utility, Banking, and Municipal Law

### **Seminars Attended {Partial List}**

- National Business Institute Boot Camp: Foreclosure and Loan Workout Procedures, December 2015
- Bank Director Board Growth Conference, August 2015
- New Orleans Banking Conference, April 2015
- ICBA Community Bank Chairman's Forum, August 2014
- Kentucky Bar Association; 2014 Annual Convention, June 2014
- UK – 14th Biennial Employment Law Institute, June 2014
- Sub Chapter S Bank Association Conference, October 2013
- SW Graduate School of Banking (2011), 133rd Assembly for Directors.
- Community Bank Chairman's Forum; Colorado Springs, Colorado; August 2014
- The Remsen Group; Best Marketing Practices for Small and Midsize Firms, July 2013
- Kentucky Bar Association; 2013 Annual Convention
- Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky; KYLAP & LMICK – CLE, May 2013
- Kentucky Bar Association; Kentucky Law Update.
- McCracken County Bar Association; Ethics, June 2012
- Kentucky Association of Electrical Cooperatives, Legal Seminar for Rural Electric Cooperative Attorneys, November 2010
- McCracken County Bar Association, Topics of Law Related to Public Schools, August 2010

- National Constitution Center, Analyzing Financial Statements: What Every Attorney Should Know, January 2010
- Bank Director – “Bank Audit Committee Oversight Conference”; Chicago, Illinois; 2007 and 2008
- Strafford; Bad Faith Insurance Claims, October 2008
- Strafford; Physician Recruitment After Stark Phase III, October 2008
- Decisionquest; Using Jury Research to Prepare for Mediation & Trial, June 2008
- The Likeable Lawyer; The Persuasive Lawyer and The Trusted Lawyer, May 2008
- The Remsen Group; Managing Partner Forum for Midwestern Law Firms, October 2007
- McCracken County Bar Association; Avoiding Legal Malpractice, October 2007
- American Hospital Lawyer, Arbitration Training, September 2007
- McCracken County Bar Association; Ethics and Malpractice seminar, November 2006
- American Health Lawyers Association Arbitration Training, September 2006
- Lexis-Nexis, Lexis I, September 2006
- McCracken County Bar Association, Legal Ethics, June 2006
- Kentucky Association of Electrical Cooperatives, Legal Seminar for Rural Electric Cooperative Attorneys, November 2005
- American Association of Bank Directors, IBDE; 121st Assembly for Bank Directors; LaMalbaie, Quebec, Canada; September 2-5, 2005

### **Seminars Presented {Partial List}**

- Community Foundation of West Kentucky, Inc.; Ethics for Non-Profit Board of Directors: State Auditor Guidelines, September 2013
- Kentucky Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus; Board of Directors Ethics: What Every Board Member Should Know, June 2013
- Kemper Group; Board of Directors Ethics: What Every Board Member Should Know, April 2013

### **Articles**

- [Joint Sewer Agency Law in Kentucky](#)
- [Should You Receive Overtime Pay?](#)
- [Paducah Bank Corporate Counsel and Board Member](#)
- [White Collar Crime Impact on Businesses and Employees: An Overview of Workplace Theft \(Part 1\)](#)
- [White Collar Crime Impact on Businesses and Employees: Employer Theft and Remedies \(Part 2\)](#)
- [White Collar Crime Impact on Businesses and Employees: Employee Theft and Remedies \(Part 3\)](#)

### **Celebrating 50 Years of Law Practice**

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