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Overview

Buzz English's extensive legal career has centered around business litigation. He has successfully defended large corporations from class-action lawsuits brought by shareholders or by consumers by asking detailed questions, thoroughly researching the topics brought forward in the suit and legal strategy that advances the cause of the client. He has extensive experience in federal court and has successfully argued before the Kentucky Supreme Court in precedent-setting cases.

He believes in the power of preparation. "When I represent someone in a case, I want the other side to know that we're going to prepare the case the way it needs to be prepared for it to go to trial," Buzz says. "If it doesn't settle, we are willing to go to trial and ready to go to trial. And if we do go to trial, we'll be prepared."

Buzz has represented both international and domestic manufacturers in products liability litigation involving farm

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Practice
- Business Litigation
- Litigation
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability

machinery, automobiles, industrial equipment and household products. He has represented both contractors and owners in court and in arbitration proceedings involving construction disputes, and has represented businesses, individuals and insurance companies in coverage and bad faith litigation. He has also handled appeals in both federal and state court and is a life member of the Judicial Conference for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Like his father, Charles E. English Sr., Buzz served as President of the Kentucky Bar Association to further the profession of law. “It is so important to our profession that we as lawyers give back some of what we’ve been given,” Buzz says. “Attorneys have an exclusive license to practice law. We have been delegated by the Kentucky Supreme Court to administrate this system of investigating and deciding and reviewing cases where there are allegations of violations of professional conduct. We want to protect the public. If someone is not acting according to the rules and standards of the profession, then they need to not practice law.”

Beyond his extensive involvement in the Kentucky Bar Association, Buzz contributes to the profession on the national level. He recently completed a term on the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary as the Sixth Circuit Representative. This committee is charged with evaluating all proposed federal judicial nominees to Article III positions across the United States. The committee members are charged with conducting a confidential investigation of the proposed nominee’s integrity, professional competence, and judicial temperament. He has also served on the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee for Bar Activities and is currently serving in the ABA House of Delegates.

Buzz values the input he gets from the other partners in the firm. “One of the things that is so good about our firm is we talk about our cases among ourselves,” Buzz says. “To be able to get feedback from people like Mike Owsley or Whayne Priest is invaluable. Even if they aren’t handling the case, they can give good insight.”

Outside of his interests in the law, Buzz is involved in many community activities. He’s been involved in United Way activities, serving as president of the local board recently. He’s also been involved in economic development activities. “Businesses have a life cycle, and unless your community is constantly trying to get out there and attract new business,

you're relying on the old businesses, and they may not be here in the future," Buzz says. "You have to get out there and attract new businesses just to maintain the same number of jobs in your community."

Credentials

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law , J.D., 1983
- University of Kentucky, B.S., 1980

Admission

- Kentucky, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky

Affiliations

- Kentucky Bar Association (President, 2009-2010)
- American Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Judicial Conference Life Member
- Member, Kentucky Public Advocacy Commission, appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear
- Member, Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary and Delegate, House of Delegates, American Bar Association
- Member, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Member, ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services (2011-2012), Board of Governors (2019 - 2022)
- Member, Kentucky Judicial Nominating Commission
- University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Visiting Committee, Chair, 2024
- Lawyers Mutual of Kentucky, Board of Directors (Treasurer, 2024-2025)

Community Involvement

- Leadership Kentucky, 1996
- Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Past Director
- Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, Past Director
- United Way of Kentucky ,Past Director
- United Way of Southern Kentucky, Past President
- Shaker Museum, Past President

Insights

News

- Fifteen ELPO Law Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America
- Eight ELPO Law Attorneys Named 2026 Super Lawyers. One Named Rising Star
- ELPO Law Attorneys Recognized in the 32nd Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- Seven ELPO Law Attorneys Named 2025 Super Lawyers. One Named Rising Star
- ELPO Law Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.
- Seven ELPO Law Attorneys Named 2024 Super Lawyers; One Named Rising Star
- Ten ELPO Law Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024; Five Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Three ELPO Law Attorneys to Serve as Co-Counsel in Lawsuit Against the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers
- Eight ELPO Law Attorneys Named 2023 Super Lawyers; One Named Rising Star
- Nine ELPO Law Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers 2023; Five Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Eight ELPO Law Attorneys Named 2021 Super Lawyers; One Named Rising Star
- ELPO LAW CONTINUES LEGAL DIVERSITY PIPELINE PROJECT IN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS
- Seven ELPO Law Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers 2021; Three Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Seven ELPO Law Attorneys Named 2020 Super Lawyers; Two Named Rising Stars
- Best Lawyers Ranks Seven ELPO Law Attorneys for 2020
- Local Attorneys Receive Statewide Recognition
- Buzz English elected to American Bar Association Board of Governors
- Best Lawyers ranks 6 attorneys for 2019
- Buzz English represents Kentucky Bar Association at ABA meeting
- Buzz English serves as moderator on Kentucky Chamber panel
- United Way of Southern Kentucky honors Buzz English
- Young Lawyers Division lunch honors history
- Buzz English appointed to Kentucky Chamber Executive Committee
- Super Lawyers chooses six from ELPO
- Three ELPO attorneys attend ABA national meeting
- Thirteen attorneys rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell
- Buzz English honored with BGHS Wall of Fame
- Buzz English elected to KY Chamber Board of Directors
- ABA Day includes two ELPO attorneys
- Buzz English appointed to Public Advocacy Commission
- Charles E. “Buzz” English to begin term as Kentucky Bar Association President in July