

Harris Shares Insights in *Law360* on the Parallels of Preaching and Lawyering

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Stinson LLP Partner [Reginald Harris](#) authored a *Law360* Expert Analysis column, "Preaching Makes Me A Better Lawyer," in which he explores how his work as an associate minister has influenced his trial practice.

In the column, Harris discusses how delivering sermons has strengthened the skills that underpin his courtroom work, including credibility, relatability, persuasion and preparation. He draws parallels between preaching and trial advocacy, noting that both require connecting with an audience, crafting compelling stories, and inspiring action – whether that be a spiritual transformation or a favorable verdict.

"Realizing the parallels between these professions helped me to see how my approach to preaching has enhanced my success in trial lawyering," Harris writes.

Harris shares that structuring sermons around narratives with clear protagonists and moral lessons has influenced how he approaches opening statements, while understanding his audience helps him make complex legal concepts relatable to jurors. He also emphasizes that thorough preparation for both sermons and trials ensures he is ready to respond to unexpected developments with confidence and clarity.

Harris, a former federal prosecutor, provides strategic counsel and representation in internal investigations, corporate compliance matters, white collar criminal defense, and civil trial litigation. He has significant courtroom experience, having tried over 20 federal criminal cases and argued numerous appeals before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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