

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

A native of Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, Beth Boone practices in all areas of professional negligence and medical malpractice defense as well as fiduciary litigation, premises, trucking, and general civil litigation.

She is licensed in both Georgia and Tennessee and practices actively in both states. She has tried numerous bench trials and jury trials throughout her career. Beth has also served in litigation matters varying from automobile accidents, “slip and fall” actions, breach of contract, and real estate issues.

## Experience

### Aging Services

Beth has represented clients in litigated long-term care including many jury trials. Her practice includes professional malpractice

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defense for skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities. She has represented individual health care providers, administrators, physicians, and operators in civil litigation issues ranging from pre-suit claims to malpractice and regulatory litigation.

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## Correctional Health Care

As the practice's leader, Beth has experience in representing both correctional health care companies and individually named professionals in litigation as varied as *pro se* inmate pleadings to professional negligence and federal civil rights claims. Specifically, Beth's representation has included claims involving total health care, including mental health, dental, and medical actions.

She has represented such individuals and entities servicing local, state, and federal facilities in both Georgia and Tennessee and actively practices in both states.

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## Dental

Beth represents professionals such as physicians, nurses, ophthalmologists, dentists, and attorneys in a variety of matters including professional negligence, malpractice, and state board licensing complaints. She is also experienced with defending physician practices/professional entities and facilities such as hospitals and long-term care institutions in professional negligence matters.

Beth has successfully defended and favorably resolved matters for dentists and their practice groups throughout southeastern Georgia. Her legal, dental, and health care professional defense experience includes issues ranging from informal investigations to full board hearings and malpractice litigation.

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## Medical Malpractice

Beth has successfully represented doctors, hospitals, nurses, and nursing homes in medical malpractice cases. She strives to defend each client with the utmost professionalism and her representation includes litigation, licensing, and some regulatory matters.

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## Premises Liability

Beth has extensive experience in retail and hospitality industry claims, ranging from pre-suit investigations to trials. Her experience ranges from matters as varied as slip and falls to premises liability actions. She has successfully defended grocery stores, hotels, and restaurants in litigation involving a wide variety of issues.

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## Wills, Trusts, & Estate Administration

Beth has extensive experience in representing personal representatives with their fiduciary duties, as well as representing the interests of both minor and adult beneficiaries in taxable and nontaxable estates. She also has personally served as fiduciary in numerous trusts and estates involving millions of dollars of assets.

She has also litigated many matters involving breach of fiduciary duties from both the plaintiff and defense sides. Additionally, she has consulted, planned, and served in an advisory capacity to numerous clients in regards to wills and other estate planning issues.

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## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

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- Georgia, 2008
  - Court of Appeals, 2013
- Tennessee, 2002

## U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 2021
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, 2018
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, 2009
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2002

## U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2014

## Education

- J.D., Nashville School of Law, 1998
- M.B.A., Tennessee State University, 1992
- B.B.A., with departmental honors, University of Kentucky, 1987

## Memberships

- State Bar of Georgia, Access to Justice Committee; 2020-2021, 2023-2024
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Southeastern Georgia Chapter; Secretary, 2023
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association:
  - Vice President, 2023-2026
  - Southern District Board of Directors, 2019-2022
  - State-at-Large Director, 2017-2019
- Georgia Legal Services Program; Board of Directors, 2010-2018; Treasurer, 2013-2018

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- Glynn County Bar Association; President, 2016; Secretary, 2015; Law Day Chair 2014; Social Chair 2011-2013
- Transition into Law Practice Program; Mentor, 2016

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- Heartland Hospice, Professional Advisory Committee; Member; Board of Directors, 2010-2014
- Coastal GA Regional Development Center, Aging Services Advisory Council, Board Member, 2009-2012
- Sea Palms Property Owners Association, Treasurer, 2009-2011
- Keep Brunswick-Golden Isles Beautiful, Adopt a Beach Sponsor, 2008-2010
- International Association of Insurance Professionals, Golden Isles Chapter
- Brenau University, Adjunct Instructor
- Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLMA)
- Coastal Alliance for Protection of Elders, Founding Member
- Defense Research Institute, Trial Tactics Committee, Member
- Georgia Society for Healthcare Risk Managers
- Tennessee Bar Association

## Recognition

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell
- [\*The Best Lawyers in America®\*](#) – Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants & Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Best Lawyers®, 2016-2024
- Attorney for Justice Pro Bono Honor Roll, Tennessee Supreme Court, 2018-2019
- Female Leader Honoree, Golden Isles YMCA, 2017

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- J. Carlton Loser Scholarship Recipient, 1997-1998
- Moot Court Award, 1997-1998
- Harry Philips American Inn of Courts Student Member, 1997-1998
- Cooper's Inn Society

## Presentations

- **Coat of Many Colors: A Conversation with the Honorable Frank G. Clement, Jr., Tennessee Court of Appeals Middle Section**  
Southeastern Women Litigators Conference; March 1, 2024
- **Outside Consults: Do's & Don'ts from a Medical Director and Counsel**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), National Conference; October 4, 2023
- **Mock Deposition Preparation for Your Health Care Provider**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), National Conference; October 3, 2023
- **New Avenues for Risk Management**  
CPCU I-Day 2023; August 10, 2023

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- **Defending Correctional Health Care Claims**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), Spring Conference; May 1, 2023
- **Sailing Your Story Through Cross Exam**  
Southeastern Women Litigators Conference; March 23, 2023
- **Payments, Politics, and Publicity: A 2021 Update on the Law of Medical Malpractice, Aging Services, and Related Issues**  
Georgia Defense Lawyers Association, 2021 Annual Conference
- **Deposition Preparation for the Clinical Practitioner**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), Annual Conference; November 2021
- **Defending Deliberate Indifference Claims**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Virtual Conference; November 2, 2020
- **How to Help your Lawyer Protect You**  
American College of Correctional Physicians, Fall Meeting, 2019
- **How Depositions Impact Trials**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Annual Conference, 2019

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- **Anatomy of a Lawsuit in Correctional Mental Health Care**  
National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Correctional Mental Health Care Conference, 2018
- **How to Testify as a Defendant or Expert Physician in Correctional Medicine Cases**  
American College of Correctional Physicians, 2018 Spring Educational Conference
- **Recent Trends in Correctional Health Care Litigation**  
American Correctional Health Services Association South East Region, Fall Conference, 2015
- **Recent Trends in Correctional Health Care Litigation**  
American Correctional Health Services Association South East Region, Fall Conference, 2014

## Publications

- **Proper Protocols in Correctional Health Care Help Reduce Liability Risk**  
HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, July 2021
- **Navigating Outside Provider Appointments in Correctional Health Care**  
HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, June 2021
- **Suicide Underscores Need for Mental Health Care in Correctional Facilities**  
HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, May 2021
- **COVID Vaccine Implications For Inmates & Corrections Officers**  
HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, April 2021

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- **Defending Deliberate Indifference Claims**  
CorrDocs, The Newsletter of the American College of Correctional Physicians, Winter 2020
- **Nurse Charting In The Correctional Health Care Setting - Part 1**  
HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, July 2020
- **Anatomy of a Health Care Lawsuit: Issues and Strategies in Your Defense**

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National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Fall 2018

- **Defending Correctional Healthcare Providers: The Intersection of Malpractice and Civil Rights**

USLAW Magazine, Fall/Winter 2017

- **Defending Correctional Healthcare Providers: The Intersection Of Malpractice And Civil Rights**

HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, October 2017

- **The Changing Role of Correctional Health Care Professionals**

HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, January 2016

- **Defending Medical Malpractice Claims in the Correctional Healthcare Setting**

HBS Correctional Health Care Blog, November 2014

## In the Press

### 55 Hall Booth Smith Lawyers Recognized as 2024 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

August 21, 2023

We're pleased to announce that 55 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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## **Part B News:** **Beth Boone on** **the Rapid** **Increase in** **Liability** **Insurance** **Premiums**

June 6, 2023

In an article published on May 15, 2023, in Part B News, Brunswick Partner Beth Boone discusses the rapid increase in liability insurance premiums and ways to mitigate the cost. Beth says some of the change could be down to the post-COVID landscape while it could also be shifting business conditions or inflation. She says

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## **HBS** **Announces** **Reproductive** **Health** **Specialty** **Team**

August 19, 2022

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Legal considerations surrounding reproductive healthcare are more complex than ever before and continue to change almost daily. To address these considerations, Hall Booth Smith has launched its new Reproductive Health Specialty Team. HBS has a dedicated team of highly experienced attorneys who counsel healthcare providers, insurers, employers, patients and others who provide, seek or support

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## Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In America 2023

August 18, 2022

47 lawyers from the firm have been honored in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

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## **Part B News:** **Beth Boone on** **Raising** **Medical** **Malpractice** **Insurance** **Rates**

April 21, 2022

In the last three years, medical malpractice insurance rates have increased year-over-year, reaching highs not seen since the 2000s, according to a report from the American Medical Association. The trend has some providers questioning why premiums are rising and how they can hold down costs. Beth Boone, Georgia-based partner at Hall Booth Smith, told Part

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## **Hall Booth** **Smith** **Attorneys** **Honored by** **The Best**

## **Lawyers In America® 2022**

August 19, 2021

We're excited to announce that 25 HBS lawyers have been recognized in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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## **Proper Protocols in Correctional Health Care Help Reduce Liability Risk**

July 1, 2021

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq. Administrators, officers and health care providers who work in correctional facility settings should make sure they aren't giving plaintiffs' attorneys a commonly exploited opening for litigation: protocol lapses. Whether it's not following existing protocols or failing to update them regularly, a lax approach to protocols in a correctional health care

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## **Navigating Outside Provider Appointments in Correctional Health Care**

June 9, 2021

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq.  
Getting appointments with a health care provider can be challenging for anyone, and it can be much more complicated for individuals who are in custody — especially when the matter requires a specialist or diagnostic procedure performed with specialized equipment. The National Commission on Correctional Health Care, the National Institute of Corrections,

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## **Suicide Underscores Need for**

## **Mental Health Care in Correctional Facilities**

May 17, 2021

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq.  
Death by suicide behind bars is a serious challenge in correctional health care, and there is a greater focus on expanding mental health services and prevention programs to reduce fatalities. Corrections officers, facility administrators, community health care agencies and other stakeholders also play important roles in watching for suicide risk,

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## **COVID Vaccine Implications For Inmates & Corrections Officers**

April 29, 2021

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq.  
As COVID vaccines become more widely available and

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distributed across the United States, state and local corrections facilities are receiving vaccines according to their jurisdiction's vaccine plan. Sometimes that means varying prioritization based on facility size, geography, local logistics and the number of available medical staff. The U.S. Centers for

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## [Defending Deliberate Indifference Claims](#)

January 15, 2021

Brunswick Partner Beth Boone has been published in the Winter 2020 edition of CorrDocs, the newsletter of the American College of Correctional Physicians. Her article is titled "Defending Deliberate Indifference Claims" and can be read [here](#).

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## Attorneys Honored By The Best Lawyers In America© 2021

August 20, 2020

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce 24 lawyers from the firm were honored in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America© . This award is based on an evaluation process that includes a collection of client and lawyer evaluations and peer reviews from attorneys in the same field. These HBS

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## Nurse Charting in the Correctional Health Care Setting- Part 1

July 31, 2020

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq.  
There are differences in how



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a patient's care and treatment is documented in the wide variety of settings in which health care providers practice. For example, a private practice neurology office may document with references to applicable insurance and billing codes, and use language that will allow an insurance carrier

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## HBS Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Brunswick Office

March 2, 2020

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is proud to have become one of the leading full-service firms in the Southeast over the past 30 years, and the firm is pleased to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its office in Brunswick, Georgia. Soon after Hall Booth Smith opened for business in Atlanta, the firm's leaders realized there was

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## Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers in America©

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## **HBS Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers® in America**

August 19, 2015

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce eleven lawyers from the firm were honored in the 2016 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. This award is based on an evaluation process that includes a collection of client and lawyer evaluations and peer reviews from attorneys in the same field. These HBS attorneys and

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## **Partner Beth Boone Authors**

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## **Article for the Daily Report**

January 24, 2014

After a personal experience, Partner Beth Boone, Brunswick office, wrote an article for the Daily Report offering up her opinion on how important having legal representation can be for every individual. Ms. Boone takes on pro bono cases and serves on the board of directors of Georgia Legal Services Program because she knows representation matters.

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## **Hall Booth Smith is Pleased to Announce Madeline Mitchell as a New Associate in the Brunswick Office**

December 4, 2013

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Hall Booth Smith (HBS) is pleased to announce and welcome Madeline Mitchell as an Associate in Brunswick Office. Mitchell will be focusing on the Long Term Care and Senior Housing Industry practice for the clients in this area. She will be joining a team of 16 attorneys with a concentration in Long Term Care and

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## **Women's Event at the Brunswick Office**

July 23, 2013

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. held a successful summer networking event, Women of Law and Women of Medicine, in the Brunswick office. This event, organized by partner Beth Boone and associate Christina Jones from the Brunswick office, was used to promote networking between female professionals in the Golden Isles area. Ms. Boone practices in the areas

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## **Michael Frick and Beth Boone Receive Defense Verdict in Chatham County, GA.**

July 23, 2012

Michael G. Frick, along with his law partner, Beth Boone, received a defense verdict in a case in Chatham County, GA. Mr. Frick represented a general ophthalmologist and her practice group accused of failing to start a patient on steroids and diagnose the patient with temporal arteritis. Two defendant physicians either settled or were dismissed

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## **HBS Proud to Name Beth Boone and Charles A. Dorminy Partner**

January 12, 2012

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Name Beth Boone and  
Charles A. Dorminy Partner  
BRUNSWICK, GA – Hall  
Booth Smith (HBS) is proud to  
announce that Beth Boone  
and Charles A. Dorminy, J.D.,  
LL.M., both practicing in  
Brunswick office, have been  
named as partner. The honor  
is recognition of the  
outstanding work that both  
individuals

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