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Biography

Amy B. Cowan is a Partner in our Athens office, where she practices primarily in the area of governmental liability, with a focus on cases involving land use, zoning, constitutional law, environmental law, and eminent domain. She has significant trial experience. She also maintains an appellate practice and has argued before both the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Georgia Court of Appeals.

In addition to representing government clients in litigation, Amy provides general counsel to cities and counties, advising on a wide range of legal and policy issues. She has represented state agencies in regulatory proceedings against licensed professionals, including matters heard before the Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings. Outside of her litigation and advisory practice, Amy serves as an Associate Judge of the Walton County Magistrate Court.

She earned her J.D. from Mercer University, where she was awarded the Mercer Lawyer Scholarship and served on the Moot Court Board. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Georgia, graduating *summa cum laude*.

Services

Appellate

Environmental, Mass Torts, & Land Use

General Liability

Governmental Liability

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Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia
  - Supreme Court
  - Court of Appeals

U.S. District Courts:

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., Mercer University
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Georgia

Memberships

- State Bar of Georgia, Local Government Section

Publications

- **Maintaining the Threshold**
  The CLM, January, 2024

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Presentations

- **Short Term Rental Law** National Business Institute, March 2021
- **Introduction to Land Use and Zoning**National Business Institute, December 2021
- **Nuts and Bolts of Section 1983**Governmental Liability Webinar, February 2023

In the Press

Hall Booth Smith Names 12 New Partners

September 1, 2026

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce the election of 12 attorneys to the firm's partnership. The newly elected Partners represent a diverse range of practice areas and reflect the continued growth, depth of talent and strength of the firm.

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Appellate Review of Certain Zoning Decisions Requires Application

June 26, 2026

Blog | Georgia's zoning procedures have been the subject of legislation in recent years, addressing, in large part, the procedure for appealing local government zoning decisions.

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Hall Booth Smith Welcomes Amy Cowan and Britton White as Of Counsel in Athens Office

June 24, 2025

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is excited to welcome Amy

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Cowan and Britton White as of counsel lawyers in the firm’s Athens office. Both lawyers bring substantial litigation experience, having overseen cases from pre-suit through appeal.

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