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## **Biography**

Andrew is a partner in the Birmingham office of Hall Booth Smith. He focuses his litigation practice on the defense of physicians, nurses, hospitals, and other health care providers. His practice also encompasses the defense of other personal injury and wrongful death claims, including trucking accidents and premises liability actions. Andrew is a member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA) Roundtable, the Defense Research Institute, the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association, the Birmingham Bar Association, and is an inaugural member of the Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court.

Andrew was born and raised in Lakeland, Florida. He attended Auburn University where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, in 2006. He received his Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 2009. While at Cumberland, he was the recipient of the Scholar of Merit Award in Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy.

Outside of work, Andrew enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys the outdoors.

#### **Services**

**Business Litigation** 

Dental

**Health Care** 

Medical Malpractice

**Transportation** 

Andrew and his wife are also active members of Mountain Brook Community Church.

## **Experience**

Obtained a defense verdict for a neurosurgeon in a case alleging negligent post-operative care following a brain aneurysm clipping, resulting in the patient's death.

Obtained a defense verdict for a hospital and its OB/labor and delivery nurses relating to a brain-damaged child as a result of a placental abruption.

Obtained a defense verdict for an emergency medicine physician in a case alleging negligent failure to diagnose myocardial infarction, resulting in an anoxic brain injury.

Obtained a defense verdict for a hospital, its emergency room nurse, and emergency medicine physician/hospitalist, in a case alleging the negligent failure to diagnose a pulmonary embolism, resulting in the patient's death.

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Obtained a defense verdict for an emergency medicine physician in a case alleging the negligent failure to diagnose an abdominal aortic aneurysm, which ruptured and resulted in the patient's death.

Obtained summary judgment for a hospital and its postpartum nurse in a case alleging the negligent arterial stick to the neonate's arm, resulting in the autoamputation of the newborn's fingertips.

Obtained summary judgment for a hospital, its emergency room nurse, emergency medicine physician, and orthopedic surgeon, in a case alleging the negligent care of a patient who had suffered a displaced fracture of the ulna-olecranon process, causing the rupture and hemorrhage of the patient's arteriovenous fistula and resulting in the patient's death.

Obtained summary judgment for a plastic surgeon in a case alleging the negligent performance of a bilateral breast reduction

and negligent post-operative care, resulting in multiple surgical revisions, repairs, and scarring.

Obtained summary judgment for a family medicine physician in a case alleging the negligent failure to identify a retained hemostat clamp which remained in the patient following surgery.

Obtained a complete dismissal of a wrongful death case for a hospital based on the Plaintiff's lack of a bona fide intent to serve the hospital at the time the Complaint was filed.

### **Credentials**

### **Admitted**

State Courts:

• Alabama, 2009

**U.S. District Courts:** 

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama

## **Education**

- J.D., Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, 2009
- B.A., Political Science, summa cum laude, Auburn University, 2006

## **Memberships**

- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- Coastal Conservation Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Judge James Edward Horton Inn of Court
- Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA)

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Roundtable

## Recognition

- <u>Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America</u>, Best Lawyers®, 2024
  - Awarded in: Corporate Law, Medical Malpractice Law -Defendants
- Southeastern Legal Awards: On the Rise, Daily Report, 2023
- NextGen Law Honoree, Birmingham Business Journal, 2022

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- Mid-South Rising Star, Super Lawyers, 2018-2019
- Future Leaders Forum, Birmingham Bar Association, Class of 2017
- Rising Stars of Law, Birmingham Business Journal, Class of 2016

## **Presentations**

- Discovery Responses
   AlaSHRM Spring Education Day, 2018
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association's Annual Trial Academy

## **Publications**

 Opioid Fraud And Abuse Detection Units - Coming To A City Near You Alabama

Hall Booth Smith; September 20, 2018

## In the Press

34 Hall Booth
Smith Lawyers
Named to
2024 Best
Lawyers: Ones
to Watch® in
America

August 22, 2023

Hall Booth Smith is pleased to announce that 34 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America. The award recognizes associates and other lawyers who are earlier in their careers for their outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.

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Two HBS
Birmingham &
Asheville
Partners

# Recognized in 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards

April 27, 2023

HBS Partners Adam Peoples, of the Asheville Office, and Andrew C. Knowlton, of the Birmingham office, have been recognized as "On the Rise" in the 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards. Adam Peoples Adam primarily defends doctors, lawyers, accountants, and engineers in negligence and ethics matters. His downtown Asheville practice also includes defending claims regarding general liability,

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Hall Booth
Smith
Attorneys
Recognized as
2023 Best
Lawyers: Ones
to Watch

August 18, 2022

Thirty-one lawyers from Hall

Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) have been honored as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch. This recognition is given to attorneys, in a variety of practice groups, who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. This honor is based on Best Lawyers®' highly selective

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2022 Best
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August 20, 2021

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HBS Attorneys
Recognized In
2019 MidSouth Super
Lawyers
Magazine

November 27, 2019

In the 2019 edition of the Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as five of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Partner David Proctor of the Birmingham office was recognized as a Mid-South Super Lawyer.

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HBS Attorneys
Recognized in
2018 MidSouth Super
Lawyers
Magazine

November 9, 2018

In the 2018 edition of the Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, Hall Booth Smith has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as seven of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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## Hall Booth Smith Names Eight New Partners

January 4, 2018

ATLANTA - Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to announce that it has named eight new partners, bringing the firmwide total to 98. "We are delighted to welcome these talented professionals as new partners," said Alex Booth, managing partner of HBS. "They bring valuable experience and total dedication to our client projects and will

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## Robert Williams and

## Andrew Knowlton Join Hall Booth Smith

August 9, 2017

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is delighted to announce Robert L. Williams has joined its Birmingham office as a partner and Andrew Knowlton has joined as an associate. Williams, partner, concentrates his practice in defending hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, and other healthcare providers' and insurers' professional liability claims matters. He is a frequent speaker on medical malpractice, personal injury and

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