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Biography

Anthony A. "Tony" Rowell is Managing Partner of Hall Booth Smith's Tifton office. Tony received his Juris Doctor in 1990 from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. He was admitted to the Georgia State Bar the same year.

Before attending law school, Tony attended Valdosta State College where he graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Philosophy. Tony also has a degree in Agri-Business with Applied Sciences.

He grew up in Douglas, Georgia, working in the family dry cleaning business. After graduating from high school, he worked for the United States Postal Service where he continued to be employed during law school.

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Tony is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™ by Martindale-Hubbell, an independent peer review organization. AV Preeminent® is the highest rating bestowed on attorneys by such an organization. He practices in the areas of local government, governmental liability, medical malpractice defense, risk management, insurance law, business litigation, premises and

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retail liability, motor vehicle liability, common carrier liability, contractual liability, construction litigation, and employment law.

He has maintained a significant trial practice since 1990 and has tried over 75 jury trials in many different areas of the law. He has extensive appellate practice experience, and in the last 20 years, he has made approximately 50 appearances in either the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Georgia Court of Appeals, or the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He also has mediated hundreds of cases and has extensive experience with alternative dispute resolution.

Tony also writes newsletter articles and conducts seminars on local government, governmental liability, medical malpractice, and risk management. He often is called upon to help his clients avoid business losses from unnecessary employment and liability claims. He practices in all state and federal Courts in Georgia and is admitted to the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Georgia, and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Tony is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Defense Research Institute, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, Georgia Hospital Association, US Law, and maintains firm membership in the Tift and Coffee County Chambers of Commerce.

Experience

Governmental Liability

Tony now serves as the County Attorney for Coffee, Tift, and Ware counties. Tony brought to those positions his extensive experience representing governmental entities in a wide array of liability settings. In his private practice, Tony has had to “pick up the pieces” and litigate cases after legally significant mistakes had been made by governmental employees.

As County Attorney, he now brings a large dose of “preventative medicine” to County government. He recognizes liability pitfalls and is able to assist the County in avoiding those mistakes that result in litigation.

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Health Care

Tony represents a variety of health care providers and managed care organizations on a broad range of issues including medical staff credentialing, business transactions, and contract management. Tony is extremely accessible and frequently travels to medical facilities to do in-service training of it employees.

Medical Malpractice

Tony has extensive experience litigating medical malpractice lawsuits. He represents both physicians and hospitals and is a zealous advocate for the medical industry and his medical clients. Presently, Tony has the privilege of representing many doctors and hospitals throughout Georgia.

Premises Liability

Tony has extensive experience litigating and trying retail liability cases. Tony has had the privilege of representing national retailers on many different issues. He is familiar with liability issues facing retailers, as well as, familiar with retail business models which make those companies successful.

Tony believes in risk management and prevention as a primary means of reducing damage and loss to property as well as injury to customers and employees.

Transportation

Tony has extensive experience handling both liability and cargo claims for trucking entities. Tony makes himself available to perform on-site investigation at any hour and has extensive contacts with accident reconstructionists and law enforcement

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officials through out the state.

In addition to being familiar with all liability issues surrounding tractor-trailer accidents, Tony is also familiar with the federal regulations which govern — and often impact — the liability picture in many cases.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia
    - Court of Appeals, Supreme Court

U.S. District Courts:

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

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., Mercer University, 1990
    - Summer Law Program, University of Notre Dame London Law Center, 1989
- B.A., Economics, Valdosta State College, 1987
- A.S., Agribusiness and Applied Sciences, South Georgia College, 1985

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Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- DRI
- Douglas Bar Association

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- Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce: Board of Directors, 2023
- Georgia Hospital Association
- Tift County Chamber of Commerce
- Tifton Bar Association

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Best Lawyers®, 2007-2026
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell
- Georgia Super Lawyer; Super Lawyers®; 2009, 2012-2018

In the Press

58 HBS Attorneys Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America®

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August 16, 2024

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to announce that 58 lawyers have been included in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

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August 18, 2022

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August 19, 2021

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August 20, 2020

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HBS Adds Hank Pittman as Associate in Tifton Office

July 31, 2019

TIFTON, GA – July 31, 2019 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. welcomes Hank Pittman as an associate in its growing office in Tifton, Georgia. He specializes in transportation, education, government, general liability, agribusiness and food, and medical malpractice matters. Pittman was previously a partner at another firm in Tifton, where

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he handled a variety of

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HBS Attorneys Recognized as 2019 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 18, 2019

In the 2019 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again be recognized for its outstanding legal work as seven of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers: John E. Hall, Jr., Thomas Mazziotti, Rush S. Smith, Jr. and Terrance Sullivan of the

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August 15, 2018

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February 22, 2016

In the 2016 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again be recognized for its

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outstanding legal work as nine of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers: Alex H. Booth, Phillip E. Friduss, John E. Hall, Jr., and Rush S. Smith, Jr. of the Atlanta office; James B. Durham and N.

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August 19, 2015

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March 2, 2015

In the 2015 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again been recognized for its outstanding

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legal work as five of its attorneys will be on the list of Super Lawyers: Alex H. Booth, John E. Hall, Jr., and Rush S. Smith, Jr. of the Atlanta office; Daniel Lovein of the Brunswick office; and Anthony

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Best Lawyers Magazine Recognizes Nine HBS Attorneys as "Best Lawyers 2012"

May 10, 2012

Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Alex H. Booth, John E. Hall, Jr., Jack G. Slover, and Jonathan Marigliano, of the Atlanta office; Michael S. Meyer von Bremen of the Albany office; Terrell W. Benton, Jr. of the Athens office; Michael G. Frick of the Brunswick office; Anthony

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Atlanta Magazine Names HBS Attorneys to the Super Lawyers List 2012

February 22, 2012

The law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Alex H. Booth, John E. Hall, Jr., Jack G. Slover, and Rush S.Smith, Jr. of the Atlanta office and Anthony A. Rowell of the Tifton office were recently named to the list of Georgia's "Super Lawyers 2012"

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Tony Rowell Appointed County Attorney for Ware County

March 15, 2010

HBS is pleased to announce that partner Tony Rowell has

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been appointed as the County Attorney for Ware County, Georgia. Mr. Rowell will be replacing Gail Boyd who announced in early March that she intended to leave within a few months. In addition to Ware County, Mr. Rowell also represents Tift and Coffee counties as County Attorney.

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