

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

Austin represents businesses and individuals in litigation involving catastrophic injuries, professional-liability claims, contract disputes, construction defects, and RICO claims, among other things. He focuses his practice on appellate and post-trial litigation, including working with trial teams on legal issues in catastrophic-injury cases and other complex disputes.

Austin also teaches Georgia Appellate Practice and Procedure as an adjunct professor at Georgia State University.

Before entering private practice, Austin served as a law clerk to the Honorable J. Randal Hall of United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgia State University College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, was on the editorial board for the *Georgia State University Law Review*, and was a pupil of the Bleckley Inn of Court.

## Services

[Agribusiness & Food](#)

[Appellate](#)

## Experience

- Obtained summary judgment for national food producer in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia in case involving claims premised on alleged OSHA violations.
- Obtained dismissal of breach-of-contract and RICO allegations for telecommunications company
- Secured affirmance of summary judgment for national transportation company in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit involving nuanced question of Georgia law.
- Obtained favorable settlement for senior-living business facing default judgment in Fair Labor Standards Act case after pursuing appeal.
- Successfully opposed request for pre-judgment interest in wrongful-death litigation.
- Obtained favorable settlement for property owner in nuisance litigation at summary-judgment stage.
- Counsel to health care provider in the Georgia Court of Appeals in ongoing dispute involving issue of first impression under Georgia's apportionment statute.
- Counsel to insulation contractor in construction-defect dispute.
- Appellate counsel to multiple health care providers and hospitals in ongoing post-trial matters.

## 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

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## Appellate Courts:

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

## Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, Georgia State University
- B.S.A., Agribusiness, University of Georgia

## Memberships

- American Agricultural Law Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Georgia Bar, Appellate Practice Section
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

## Recognition

- [\*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America\*](#), Insurance Law, Best Lawyers®, 2024

## Presentations

- **Recent Developments in AG Product Sellers' and Farmers' Rights in Contracting**  
State Bar of Georgia's Agriculture Law CLE, March 24, 2023

## In the Press

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## **Fifteen HBS Attorneys Appointed to Partner**

January 5, 2024

HBS introduces fifteen attorneys as newly appointed partners in recognition of their exceptional client service and outstanding leadership

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## **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

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private practice in the United States. “The unparalleled methodology of Best

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## **Daily Report:** **Austin** **Atkinson’s** **Defense** **Challenges** **Georgia** **Statutory** **Scheme for** **Apportioning** **Damages**

June 5, 2023

In a recent article from the Daily Report, Atlanta Associate Austin Atkinson’s defense of a dental-malpractice case challenged Georgia’s statutory scheme for apportioning damages. You can read the full article on the Law.Com website.

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## **Daily Report:** **Austin**

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## **Atkinson on Consumer Protection Statute Impact on Housing Accommodatio ns**

April 21, 2023

In a post from Daily Report, Atlanta Associate Austin Atkinson's defense of an apartment rental company is highlighted within a larger review of the consumer protection statute and its impact on housing accommodations in Georgia. You can read the full article on the Law.com website.

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## **Hall Booth Smith Adds New Associates in Atlanta, Memphis and Nashville**

December 12, 2017

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NASHVILLE — Hall Booth  
Smith, P.C. has added four  
new associates to its offices  
in Atlanta, Memphis and  
Nashville, Tennessee, as the  
firm continues to grow its  
litigation practice across the  
Southeast. Austin Atkinson is  
an associate in the Atlanta  
office, specializing in aging  
services. Mr. Atkinson is a  
former clerk for

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