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Biography

Brian M. Murphy is a Partner in our office in Paramus, New Jersey, and he has defended clients in insurance litigation and other liability claims for over four decades.

He has tried countless cases to verdict in New Jersey and New York as well as in federal courts, and he serves a strategic business partner who helps each client achieve their business goals while protecting their interests.

Brian specializes in defending first- and third-party claims in premises liability matters, construction accidents, construction defects, hospitality and property damage disputes, and automobile and truck accident litigation. He also handles commercial disputes, contracts, insurance coverage, and subrogation matters.

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Before joining Hall Booth Smith in 2021, Brian was a Partner in a New Jersey firm that he co-owned, and he previously owned his own boutique firm that specialized in insurance, liability and other civil defense litigation.

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Earlier in his career, he worked at several law firms in New Jersey and New York where he concentrated his practice on insurance defense, commercial property damage, personal injury, and other civil litigation.

Brian earned a Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Trenton State College, which is now called The College of New Jersey.

Experience

Brian is a highly experienced litigator who has defended insurers, insureds, and individuals in a wide range of insurance, liability, and other civil matters for over 40 years. He has tried numerous cases to verdict all over New York and New Jersey and works alongside clients as a business partner and advisor who makes sure litigation strategy is aligned with business goals.

Construction

Construction litigation is especially complex, with numerous parties and insurers being involved. Brian represents developers, builders, subcontractors, transportation providers, insurance carriers, and others involved in construction defect, construction accident, and other related matters.

Insurance Coverage

Brian has four decades of experience in defending clients in a wide range of insurance coverage matters and insurance litigation, including first- and third-party claims concerning premises liability, hospitality and property damage, construction defects, construction accidents, and other civil disputes.

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Premises Liability & Hospitality Claims

Brian has protected the rights of clients in numerous premises liability and hospitality claims cases over a career spanning over 40 years, including injury claims, property loss, theft, accidents, and other matters. Brian has four decades of experience in defending clients in a wide range of insurance coverage matters and insurance litigation, including first- and third-party claims concerning premises liability, hospitality and property damage, construction defects, construction accidents, and other civil disputes.

Transportation

Brian defends insurers and insureds in automobile and trucking accident litigation and has handled numerous cases to verdict in New Jersey and New York.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- New Jersey
- New York

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Education

- J.D., Fordham University

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- B.A., The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College)

Memberships

- Bergen County Bar Association
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- New Jersey Defense Association

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- New Jersey State Bar Association
- The Society of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick in the City of New York; President, 2008-2009

Recognition

- [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)[®], Best Lawyers[®], 2025-2026
 - Awarded in: Construction Law, Litigation - Construction
- [*New Jersey Super Lawyer*](#), Super Lawyers[®]; 2019-2021
- Nominee, Council of Litigation Management Alliance, 2010-Present

Presentations

Brian is frequently invited to speak to insurance companies and in-house legal teams about litigation defense strategies, best practices, and litigation avoidance. A selection of those topics is listed below.

- **Updates on Bodily Injury & Personal Injury and Trial Tactics**
North America Insurance Claims' Continuing Education Series; January 11, 2024

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In the Press

[58 HBS Attorneys Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America® Award Recipients](#)

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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Magazine

April 6, 2021

In the 2021 edition of the New Jersey Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Partners Jeffrey M. Daitz, Harry D. Norton, Jr. and Brian M. Murphy have all been named as Super Lawyers, and Attorney Brooke E. Reddin has been

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Hall Booth Smith Expands in New Jersey with Addition of Norton, Murphy Attorneys

April 1, 2021

ATLANTA - April 1, 2021 - Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is expanding in the New Jersey and New York area with the addition of Attorneys from the law firm of Norton, Murphy, Sheehy & Corrubia, P.C., as it continues to strengthen its

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insurance and liability
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Attorneys from the firm will
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