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Biography

Bryan Forsyth is a Partner in our office in Columbus, Georgia, and he focuses his practice on general liability, insurance coverage, transportation, premises liability, governmental liability, and appellate work. He represents both corporations and individual insureds against personal injury claims, bad faith claims, and insurance coverage disputes.

A seasoned litigator before joining Hall Booth Smith in 2018, Bryan spent the first seven years of his legal career handling a variety of litigation work. Bryan began his career as an Associate with Lewis, Taylor & Todd, P.C. and focused his practice on representing the Harris County and Troup County Boards of Education as well as local governments including the City of LaGrange and Harris County Board of Commissioners.

Bryan earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in Philosophy from Emory University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Services

General Liability

Governmental Liability

Insurance Coverage

Premises Liability

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Experience

Bryan is an experienced litigator who represents corporations and individual insureds on a variety of liability matters ranging from personal injury claims to premises liability claims, transportation claims, bad faith claims, and disputes over insurance coverage. He also represents local governments and boards of education.

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. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

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

Memberships

- American Bar Association

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Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Best Lawyers®, 2022-2026
    - Awarded in: Education Law, Transportation Law, Insurance Law, Appellate Practice

Publications

- **Uninsured Motorist Select/Reject May Not Require Picking a Specific Lesser Amount**
  HBS National Insurance Coverage Blog; May 26, 2023

In the Press

33 HBS Attorneys Named to 2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America

August 16, 2024

HBS is excited to announce that 33 lawyers have been included in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.

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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 private practice in the United States.

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Uninsured Motorist Select/Reject May Not Require Picking a Specific Lesser

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Amount

May 26, 2023

Written by: Bryan Forsyth, Esq. In Jones v. Georgia Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co.1, the Georgia Court of Appeals recently affirmed partial summary judgment in favor of Georgia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company (GFB) as to the amount of Uninsured Motorist (UM) coverage provided by its insurance policy issued to Ernie Jones, who died in

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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

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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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HBS Names 11 New Partners

January 5, 2022

ATLANTA, GEORGIA – January 5, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. has named 11 attorneys to Partner as the firm recognizes the dedication, hard work and leadership of the senior attorneys. The attorneys who join the firm’s partnership as of January 1 are: David W. Badie, a Partner based in Saddle Brook, New Jersey, who

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August 20, 2021

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Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Recognized in the Inaugural Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Edition

August 21, 2020

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The Supreme Court of Georgia Clarifies When an Insurer's Duty to Settle Arises and Applies Contract Law to Reject a Bad Faith Failure to Settle Claim

April 9, 2019

Written by: Bryan Forsyth, Esq. In First Acceptance Ins. Co. of Georgia, Inc. v. Hughes, No. S18G0517, 2019 WL 1103831 (Ga. Mar. 11, 2019), the Supreme Court of Georgia reversed the Court of Appeals, 343 Ga. App. 693,

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808 S.E.2d 103, and disapproved of Thomas v. Atlanta Cas. Co., 253 Ga. App. 199, 558 S.E.2d

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