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Biography

Chuck Staples grew up in Auburn, Alabama, where he was educated in the local public schools. He received his Bachelor of Science from Washington and Lee University in 1967 and his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, in 1971 from the University of Georgia, where he was on the Georgia Law Review and was admitted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Chuck has been with the firm since 1971.

His areas of practice include corporate and business organizations and related areas, entity selection/formation, estate planning, and probate. He provides estate and tax planning advice for individuals, including the preparation of wills, trusts, family partnerships, and various charitable planning techniques. Chuck also represents small and family-owned businesses as well as a number of physician groups. He advises these clients on the best form of entity from a tax, liability, and operational standpoint; entity formation; and continued representation on matters such as buy-sell agreements, contracts, leases, real estate transactions, commercial financing, retirement plans, and other matters related to the operation of a business.

Services

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Outside of the law practice, Chuck has been active in civic activities and serving as President of the Columbus Lawyers Club, Chairman of The Brookstone School Board of Trustees, President of Girls, Inc. of Columbus, President of Big Eddy Club, and on several charitable and civic boards.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia

U.S. District Courts:

- 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., *magna cum laude*, University of Georgia, 1971
- B.S., Washington and Lee University, 1967

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association
- Columbus, Georgia Pension Fund: Employer's Board of Trustees Member (former)
- Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education: Trustee (former)
- Girls, Inc. of Columbus: Advisory Board Member
- The Brookstone School, Inc.: Board of Trustees, Chairman

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(former)

Recognition

- [Top Lawyers](#), Trusts & Estates, GaBiz Magazine, 2026
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Trusts and Estates; Best Lawyers®; 2006-2026
- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™](#), Martindale-Hubbell
- [Lawyer of the Year](#), Trusts and Estates, Columbus, GA; Best Lawyers®; 2019

In the Press

27 HBS Partners Recognized as 2026 Top Lawyers by GaBiz Magazine

January 29, 2026

Hall Booth Smith is pleased to announce that 27 of the firm's partners have been recognized as 2026 "Top Lawyers" by GaBiz Magazine in its Winter issue.

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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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55 Hall Booth Smith Lawyers Recognized as 2024 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

August 21, 2023

We're pleased to announce that 55 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in

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August 18, 2022

47 lawyers from the firm have been honored in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

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August 19, 2021

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been recognized in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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August 20, 2020

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August 15, 2018

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August 21, 2017

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HBS **Columbus** **office expands** **with the** **addition of 10** **attorneys from** **Hatcher** **Stubbs**

January 4, 2016

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HBS **Columbus** **office expands** **with attorneys** **from Hatcher**

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Stubbs

October 2, 2015

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