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Biography

Chris Watkins is a Partner in our Alpharetta office, and he has extensive experience as a litigator for construction, insurance coverage, transportation, and general liability matters.

Chris has represented contractors, subcontractors, and insurers in a wide range of disputes including construction defect, architectural and engineering errors and omissions, and insurance coverage claims. He has also handled many liability evaluations, damage estimates, and coverage assessments for claims.

Chris's transportation and general liability experience includes the representation of commercial drivers, homeowners, and small business owners in suits brought against them. On behalf of his clients he has successfully litigated car wreck, premises liability, dog bite, and many other types of cases.

Prior to joining Hall Booth Smith, Chris was an attorney at a boutique litigation firm in the Atlanta area, where he litigated wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims and served as lead counsel in multiple cases. His experience gives Chris a thorough understanding and appreciation for the many facets of personal injury litigation.

Services

Construction

General Liability

Insurance Coverage

Transportation

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Chris has received the AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™ from Martindale-Hubbell. This is the highest peer rating standard from Martindale-Hubbell and is given to attorneys who are ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal expertise, communication skills, and ethical standards by their peers.

Chris earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma, where he served as an Editor of the *Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology*. He also holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Georgia.

He also serves as a Major in the Georgia Army National Guard, where he is the Judge Advocate for the 78th Troop Command. Chris deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as senior legal counsel for a 1,500-person combat support brigade and as a Foreign Claims Commission Officer who settled property and personal injury claims with the local population in Southern Afghanistan. Chris's military education includes the Basic and Advance Courses from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Experience

Chris has represented clients in a wide range of wrongful death, personal injury, and other high-exposure general liability matters in construction, transportation, and other industries. He also assists clients with liability and damage estimates, insurance coverage evaluations, and other pre-litigation matters.

Construction

Chris represents contractors, subcontractors, and insurers in a wide range of disputes including construction defect, architectural and engineering errors and omissions, and insurance coverage claims.

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Insurance Coverage

Chris represents individuals, companies, and their insurers on insurance coverage matters of all sizes and types, including complex and high-risk injury and wrongful death cases.

Transportation

Chris protects the rights of trucking companies, drivers, and their insurers in personal injury, wrongful death, vehicular accident, and other related claims.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia

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 Oklahoma
- M.P.A., University of North Georgia
- B.A., University of North Georgia

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Memberships

- Forsyth County Bar Association
- National Guard Association of Georgia
- National Guard Association of the United States
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

Recognition

- *Top Lawyers*, Construction Law, GaBiz Magazine, 2026
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Insurance Law, Best Lawyers®, 2024-2026

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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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:

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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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Hall Booth Smith Names Seven New Partners

January 20, 2023

ATLANTA, GEORGIA – JANUARY 20, 2023 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has named seven new partners as the firm elevates leaders and recognizes their outstanding service to clients. Joining the firm's partnership ranks are Sandro Stojanovic in Atlanta, Christopher Watkins in Alpharetta, Drew Brooks in Columbus, Rene Stuhr Dukes in Charleston, Ashley Fromm in

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HBS Hires Three

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Attorneys in Georgia

July 6, 2021

ATLANTA – July 6, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to welcome three new attorneys to its offices in Georgia as the firm expands to meet the needs of clients across the Southeast. Christopher J. Watkins is Of Counsel in Atlanta and has extensive experience as a litigator for construction, insurance coverage,

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HBS Attorneys Given Plaque in Appreciation for Work with Local High School

May 11, 2011

The South Atlanta School of Law and Social Justice recently awarded Hall Booth Smith a plaque in appreciation of four attorneys' dedicated volunteer work with the

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school’s mock trial team. The attorneys were: Dana Jentszch, Chris Watkins, Crystal Filiberto and Ann Cox Steedman. The attorneys helped the school’s mock trial team prepare for Georgia’s Mock Trial Competition.

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