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Biography

Christian Ferlan is a Partner in our Charlotte, North Carolina office. He focuses his practice on defending law enforcement agencies and local governments against complex civil rights claims involving the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments, the North Carolina Constitution, and state law, including trials and appeals in state and federal court. He has also worked with local governments to draft and revise ordinances implicating the same rights, ensuring that the policies align with evolving legal standards and community needs. This dual experience allows Christian to provide comprehensive legal counsel that supports both the defense of public entities and the proactive development of effective government regulations.

Christian has also worked with individuals and businesses to defend a wide variety of professional negligence and general liability claims and advised on matters involving real estate transactions, zoning compliance, and government relations.

Christian earned a Juris Doctor with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in

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political science with a minor in Spanish at Muhlenberg College, where he was a four-year starter on the baseball team and volunteered with the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley and Versus Cancer Foundation.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- North Carolina

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of North Carolina
- B.A., Political Science, Muhlenberg College

Memberships

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Government

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Relations Practice; Best Lawyers®; 2026
- North Carolina Rising Star, Super Lawyers®, 2023-2025

Presentations

- **Shop Talk with Government Lawyers ("Hatcher v. Rodriguez")**
  North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (NCADA), 2026

Publications

- **Is This Going to Be on the Test? Reconciling the Four-Way Circuit Split over Handling Nominative Fair Use**
  North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology, 2016

In the Press

Hall Booth Smith Names Twelve Partners

July 10, 2025

Atlanta, GA (July 10, 2025) – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is proud to announce the elevation of 12 attorneys to Partner in recognition of their outstanding legal work, unwavering dedication, and

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contributions to the firm's continued growth.

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HBS Attorneys Selected as 2025 North Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

February 18, 2025

HBS is proud to announce five attorneys have been recognized on the 2025 North Carolina Super Lawyers & Rising Stars list.

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HBS Attorneys Selected as 2024 North Carolina Super Lawyers & Rising Stars

January 16, 2024

HBS is proud to announce that Super Lawyers has recognized Asheville Partner Issac N. Northup, Jr. and Charlotte Associate Christian

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Ferlan on their 2024 North Carolina Super Lawyers and 2024 North Carolina Rising Stars lists, respectfully.

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Concurrent Jurisdiction in Workers' Compensation Claims

December 4, 2023

Workers' compensation is, at its core, one of the more state-specific areas of the law. Each state legislates its own statutes and regulations and operates its own administrative body, often very differently…

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4 North Carolina Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Super Lawyers Lists

January 26, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA – January

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26, 2023 – In the 2023 edition of the magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as four of its attorneys have been named on the lists of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Isaac Northup has been selected to the

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Hall Booth Smith Adds Lawrence, Ferlan to Growing Charlotte Office

June 16, 2020

CHARLOTTE, NC – June 16, 2020 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. has added Associates Brett Lawrence and Christian Ferlan as its office in Charlotte, North Carolina, continues to expand. Lawrence concentrates his practice on data privacy and security matters. Before joining HBS, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Lucy Inman of the North

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