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Christopher J. Watkins is Of Counsel in our Atlanta 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.

Prior to joining Hall Booth Smith, Chris was an attorney at a boutique plaintiffs law firm in the Atlanta area, where he

litigated wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims and served as lead counsel in multiple cases. His experience in representing plaintiffs gives him a thorough understanding and appreciation for the many facets of personal injury litigation.

Chris has received the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating 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 Doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he served as an Editor of the Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology. He also holds a Master's in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from North Georgia College & State University.

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.

ADMITTED

- Georgia state courts
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law
- M.P.A., North Georgia College & State University
- B.A., North Georgia College & State University

MEMBERSHIPS

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

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