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Biography

Denise Weiner is a Partner in the Atlanta office of Hall Booth Smith. Denise serves as the past president of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the State Bar of Georgia and is a frequent speaker at the Southern Loss Association, Atlanta Claims Association, Southeastern Arson Seminars, Georgia Fire Investigators Association and for many national insurance carriers. She is also the past president of the Georgia Chapter of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators. She is consistently recognized as a Georgia Rising Star by Super Lawyers®.

Services

Construction

General Liability

Insurance Coverage

Premises Liability

Transportation

Experience

Construction

Denise provides advice and counsel to general contractors, subcontractors, owners, developers, and design professionals in

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cases involving construction defects, accidents, and contracts. Her practice is focused on the litigation of construction cases including mediation, arbitration, and trials in both state and federal courts throughout Georgia.

Denise advises national insurance carriers and construction entities on matters of risk management, insurance coverage analysis, drafting and review of construction related agreements and documents, construction defects, performance and payment disputes, mechanics liens, OSHA compliance, insurance and regulatory, or workplace and other catastrophic injury claims or damage to property. She has served as a Special Assistant Attorney General in litigation involving highway construction for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

General Liability

Denise's litigation experience has included third party general liability cases throughout the Southeast. These have included trucking and automotive incidents as well as products and premise liability claims, including wrongful death and others. Her broad experience allows her to represent a varied range of client issues related to general liability claims.

Insurance Coverage

Denise has extensive experience in providing insurance coverage opinions regarding life, property, and casualty coverage issues including CGL policies, bad faith, uninsured motorists, causation, and excess coverage under commercial and personal policies.

Property / SIU

Denise has been actively involved in the Property/SIU group since she began practicing law. She has successfully handled first party claims involving arson and fraud from claims denial up to and

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including trial.

Transportation

Whether broker, carrier, cargo or liability claims, or coverage issues, Denise has broad litigation and coverage experience. Having represented carriers, brokers, operators, and insurers engaged in trucking and the transportation industry, Denise has been involved in catastrophic injury cases involving liability issues unique to trucking and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

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. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Loyola University New Orleans, 2002
- B.A., Political Science, University of Georgia, 1998

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Memberships

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Phi Alpha Delta

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Litigation – Insurance, Best Lawyers®, 2025-2026
- Georgia Rising Star, Super Lawyers®; 2010, 2013-2016

Presentations

- **Effective Ethical Evaluations: Avoiding Bad Faith in Property Loss**
  CLM Atlanta Educational and Networking Event; June 29, 2023

In the Press

58 HBS Attorneys Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America® Award

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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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HBS Opens Alpharetta Location to Support Clients in North Atlanta Area

March 18, 2022

ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA – March 18, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has opened a new location in the northern Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta to enhance convenience for clients and employees that are also located in that region of the metropolitan area. HBS's new office is just off the Ga. 400 commuter corridor and is

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HBS Attorneys Named Rising Stars in Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine

February 22, 2016

In the 2016 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work as four of its attorneys are on the list of Rising Stars. Attorneys Ashley Gowder, Nichole Hair, Joel McKie and Denise Spitalnick, all of the Atlanta office, have received this honor multiple times.

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Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine Honors Three HBS Attorneys as Rising Stars

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in 2015

March 3, 2015

In the 2015 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work as three of its attorneys are on the list of Rising Stars.
Attorneys Nichole Hair, Joel McKie and Denise Spitalnick, all of the Atlanta office, have received this honor multiple times. Partner Nichole Hair was

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Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Recognized by Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine “Rising Stars 2013.”

March 4, 2013

The law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) placed seven

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attorneys on Georgia Super Lawyers magazine's list of Georgia's "Rising Stars 2013." Attorneys receiving the recognition for the first time are Kevin Abernethy, Kelly Brown Viel, Joel McKie, and Heather Saum Ware of the Atlanta office and Paul Ivey of the Columbus office. Denise Spitalnick of the

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Jim Fisher and Denise Spitalnick featured in Daily Report

August 6, 2010

A recent victory for attorneys Jim Fisher and Denise Spitalnick was featured in the Daily Report on Thursday, August 5, 2010. The article summarized a verdict on a construction matter involving several companies over a dispute of unpaid bills. The article states, "Circle Y attorney Denise W. Spitalnick of Hall Booth Smith said Circle Y was pleased by

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Women's Forum Event

April 20, 2010

On April 1, 2010, The Women's Forum of Hall Booth Smith, P.C. held a client appreciation event at the Cooks Warehouse in Atlanta, GA. At the event, 30 attorneys and clients got the opportunity to enjoy good fellowship while preparing a wide variety of entrees. For more information about this event or the Women's Forum at HBS,

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