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A Partner in the Atlanta office and a native of Claxton, Georgia, Mr. Collins attended Morehouse College where he matriculated as a Presidential Scholar and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society following his junior year of study. Mr. Collins graduated from Morehouse in 1993 with the highest honors (summa cum laude). He entered law school that same year at the Emory University School of Law as a Merit Scholar.

While in law school, he gained considerable experience as an intern for Chief Justice Robert Benham of the Supreme Court of Georgia. After graduating from Emory in 1996, Mr. Collins launched his litigation career with the law firm of King & Spalding. In 1997, he joined the law firm of Zirkle and Hoffman where he continued his civil litigation practice. He also began an extensive insurance defense practice, specializing in the representation of self-insured employers, insurance companies, and third-party administrators in workers' compensation matters. Five years later, he became a Partner in the firm.

Since joining Hall Booth Smith in 2002, Mr. Collins' practice has also included the defense of health care professionals in medical malpractice cases and general liability claims. He represents some of the most respected Fortune 100 companies. In 2006, he was appointed by Attorney General Thurbert Baker as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General to represent the State of Georgia in workers' compensation matters. He is an AV rated lawyer (lawyers rank him at the highest level of professional excellence) and was recognized as one of the state's top lawyers in GeorgiaTrend Magazine's 2012 Legal Elite publication, Atlanta Magazine's 2014 Top Lawyers of Georgia and Atlanta Journal Constitution Top Lawyers 2018.

Now in his third decade of practicing law, Mr. Collins continues to do so with the recognition as one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers and AV Preeminent attorneys.

## ADMITTED

- State of Georgia, 1996
- State of Alabama, 2012
- District of Columbia, 2016
- Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, 1998
- Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia, 1998
- United States District Court Northern District of Georgia, 1998
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1998

## EDUCATION

- Morehouse College, B.A. in Banking and Finance (*summa cum laude*), 1993
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1992
- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1996

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- The Lawyers Club of Atlanta

## Recognitions

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers of 2016 & 2018
- Atlanta Magazine's 2014 Top Lawyers of Georgia
- The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel, Top Rated Lawyer 2014, Medical Malpractice Law
- GeorgiaTrend Magazine's 2012 Legal Elite
- Super Lawyers Rising Star 2009
- National TRIO Achievers Award 1998

### **Partner Donnell Collins chosen as one of the Top 100 Black Lawyers**

[January 9, 2015](#)

Partner Donnell J. Collins has been chosen as one of the Top 100 Black Lawyers in Business Labor and Employment Law. The National Black Lawyers Top 100

### **Partner Donnell J. Collins Receives Defense Ruling**

[November 6, 2013](#)

Donnell J. Collins, a Partner in the Atlanta office, received a defense ruling on September 20, 2013 in a workers' compensation case he tried in

### **Partner Donnell J. Collins has been selected by his peers as one of Georgia Trend Magazine's Legal Elite**

[May 7, 2013](#)

Hall Booth Smith is pleased to announce that Georgia Trend magazine recently recognized Donnell J. Collins as one of the state's top lawyers. Several thousand Georgia lawyers nominated attorneys

### **Attorney Donnell J. Collins Receives a Defense Ruling**

[September 27, 2012](#)

Donnell J. Collins, a Partner in the Atlanta office, received a defense award on September 16, 2012 a workers' compensation case he tried as counsel for

## Practice Specific Experience

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[Labor & Employment +](#)

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