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Biography

Drew Graham started his practice with Hall Booth Smith in 1992, developing expertise in traditional medical and professional negligence. In 1996, Drew created the firm's Aging Services practice in response to industry demand for specialist attorneys in the evolving area of long term care litigation.

As chair of the group, Drew is committed to making it the go-to resource for health care providers facing the challenges of a complex and highly regulated specialty. The group has grown to include over 20 attorneys, each with an in-depth appreciation of the industry.

Drew is frequently called to assist with the management of batch claims, complex discovery, and trial. He works with counsel across the country on developing strategies to address damages in all types of medical cases. Drew is actively involved in numerous professional organizations and is a frequent speaker at industry and legal meetings. He is peer rated AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated $^{\text{TM}}$ by Martindale-Hubbell. He lives in New York with his wife and daughters.

Services

Aging Services

Dental

Health Care

Medical Malpractice

Strategic Teams

Batch Claims & Class Action

Coronavirus

Monitoring & Supervisory Counsel

National Trial Counsel

Outside General Counsel

Telehealth

Experience

Aging Services Drew has tried more than 40 health care cases to resolution and has appeared in numerous arbitrations and regulatory hearings. He is a specialist in the government regulations applicable to long term facilities and frequently consults with counsel around the country to develop the liability defenses facilitated by the vast regulatory scheme governing nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Med Mal Drew represents hospitals, nursing homes, home health, and companion providers in administrative and civil matters. Drew also consults with hospital risk managers, their administrative teams, and internal hospital committees on a variety of legal issues including but not limited to:

- Medical Records Documentation
- Informed Consent
- General Consent
- Hospital Ethics Committee Issues
- Mental Health Commitment
- Guardianship
- EMTALA
- Risk Prevention
- Peer-Review
- Credentialing
- Medical Staff Issues
- Regulatory Issues

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia
- New Jersey
- New York
- Tennessee

Education

- J.D., Mercer University, 1992
- B.A., Mercer University, 1986

Memberships

- Atlanta Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Recognition

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell, 2023
- Georgia Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers®, 2004

Presentations

- Ripping Up the Old Playbook: Re-thinking Litigation Guidelines for 2024
 Crittenden Medical Liability Conference; April 8, 2024
- Risk Mitigation

Georgia Senior Living Association, 2023 Conference & Trade Show; October 24, 2023

 Large settlement analysis: A new normal in evaluating settlement values

Crittenden Medical Liability Conference; April 12, 2023

 Assisted Living and Senior Housing Legislative and Regulatory Update

American Health Law Association, Long Term and Post-Acute Care Law and Compliance Conference, March 2023

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 Managing the Cost of Risk During Economic Uncertainty: How Risk Control Impacts Your Insurance Costs in a Post-pandemic World

Senior Housing News' RISK Summit, December 2022

- Covid-19 Professional Liability Legal Update Hall Booth Smith Webinar, November 2020
- A Lawsuit Tsunami? Where COVID Liability Starts and Ends

LTC-100 Leadership Conference, November 2020

 Change and Challenge: Five Trends Impacting Senior Housing Litigation in 2020

MedPro Senior Care Symposium, October 2020

• COVID-19 Related Claims

Captive Insurance Council Of The District Of Columbia, Inc. Annual Conference, October 2020

• Key FTAGs for the Defense

Pendulum & HBS Regulatory Update, October 2020

 National COVID Defense Counsel Roundtable Discussion

Webinar, October 2020

- Enterprise Risk Management for Senior Care
 Crittenden Virtual Medical Insurance Conference, September 2020
- What Every Long-Term Care Attorney Needs to Know About State and Federal Immunity Statutes: An In-Depth Guide to New State COVID-19 Relief Protections for LTC Provider:

ACI's National Forum on COVID-19 Liability for Long Term Care and Senior Care Facilities, August 2020

Current State of COVID-19

American Legal Connection, August 2020

- 2020 DRI Nursing Home Seminar June 2020
- Litigation Against Nursing Homes/ALFs Following the COVID-19 Pandemic: Three Things to Do Now to Prepare

DRI Webinar, May 2020

- Best Practices in Litigation Management
 Argentum/Willis Towers Watson, February 2020
- Change & Challenge: Five Things Impacting Assisted Living Litigation in 2020

American Legal Connections, February 2020

 The Payroll-Based Journal and Nursing Home Litigation

Care Providers Oklahoma, February 2019

 Sexual Assault in Senior Housing Communities: The Regulatory, Legal & Risk Management Issues Facing Providers and Their Insurers

Crittenden Medical Insurance Conference, March 2019

 The Good, The Bad, and the Scary: Legal/Insurance and How to Avoid Pitfalls and Be On The Winning Side of the Law

The Guardian Foundation/Health Systems, April 2019

- Reputation Management and Social Media
 Argentum 2019 Senior Living Executive Conference, April 2019
- What Does Specialty Counsel and AIG Claims Bring to the Table?

AIG, May 2019

 Workplace Violence in Healthcare: The Regulatory, Legal and Reputational Response

American Society for Health Care Risk Management, May 2019

The Changing Faces of Claims

Medical Professional Liability Association Conference, May 2019

 Legal Update on Staffing Covering The New Payroll-Based Journal Program

MedPro, May 2019

 Long Term Care Underwriting Trends, 3rd Annual Long Term Care Insurance

ExecuSummit, June 2019

- Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation DRI Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Litigation Seminar, September 2019
- Enterprise Risk Management for Senior Care ASHRM 2019 Annual Conference & Exhibition, October 2019
- Claims litigation and Settlement Oh My!, WTW 16th Annual Senior Living Risk Symposium, October 2019
- Strategies for Evaluating and Litigating Catastrophic Cases, Patient Safety Work Product Privilege University of California, Professional Medical Hospital Liability Program, Panel Counsel Seminar, December 2019
- Patient Safety Work Product (PSWP) Privilege in the **Context of Patient Safety Organizations** University of California, Professional Medical Hospital Liability Program, Panel Counsel Seminar, December 2019
- Class Action; Successfully Navigating Family Conflict; and Mitigating Risks in High Acuity Settings Argentum Senior Living Executive Conference, May 2018
- Deposition Boot Camp: Taking an Effective Family/Plaintiff Deposition Long Term Care Lawyers Webinar, June 2018
- Aging Services Public Data Pendulum, LLC, September 2018
- Legal Trends
- North Carolina Healthcare Association, September 2018
- Payroll-Based Journaling: Demystifying the Data for the Defense
 - DRI Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Litigation Seminar, September 2018
- You Made the News: Senior Citizen Dies After Staff Fails To?
 - American Society for Health Care Risk Management 2018 Annual Conference, October 2018
- Negotiation Strategies for High Exposure Medical
 - 14th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecutSummit, October 2018
- Opiods and Other Trends: What Frontiers Are to Come?

Society for Health Care Risk Management of New Jersey Panel, November 2018

 The Adapt Strategy: A New Way To Address High Exposure Damages

ASHRM Annual Conference & Exhibition, October 2017

- Emerging Legal Trends in Medical Liability
 13th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit,
 September 2017
- Preparing Your Closing Argument: To Anchor or Not?
 Pendulum, July 2017
- Content Management Systems (CMS' ROP) Changes
 Continental Casualty Company, July 2017
- Public Quality Data and the Nursing Home Litigation Explosion: Are the Hospitals the Next Target for Dual Enforcement

American Health Lawyers Conference, June 2017

- Take Back Control of Healthcare Litigation
 American Society for Healthcare Risk Management
 Conference, April 2017
- Senior Housing Class Actions
 MedPro Senior Care Litigation, April 2017
- The Good the Bad the Ugly: Documentation
 Co-presented with Joe Desmond, Guardian 13th Annual Risk
 Management Conference, April 2017
- Understanding Staffing Claims
 MedPro Senior Care Litigation, April 2017
- The Senior Care Assessment Model MedPro Senior Care Litigation, April 2017
- Senior Care Data Recourses: Understanding the Regulatory Impact

MedPro Senior Care Litigation, April 2017

- Punitive Damages in Senior Care Litigation
 MedPro Senior Care Litigation, April 2017
- Long Term Care / Aging Services
 State Court of Fulton Count Georgia Steering Committee,
 February 2017
- Underwriting Presentation Beazley, February 2017
- Centers for Medicare Services and Requirements of Participation for Nursing Homes

Call in session, January 2017

 Notice Act - Arbitration and New Regulations Affecting Senior Living

December 2016

New Regulations

November 2016

• Home Care Advantage

Webinar, November 2016

 Arbitration and New Regulations Affecting Senior Living

Webinar, November 2016

- Arbitration and the New Nursing Home Regulations Webinar, October 2016
- Social Media-A Panel Discussion
 Senior Living Conference, October 2016
- The Three Most Important Things You Need to Know About the New SNF Conditions of Participation
 DRI Nursing Home/AFL Litigation Seminar, September 2016
- Latest Legal Trends Attorney Perspective On Hiring Practices and the Relationships Between Good Practices and Liability Litigation with Examples Guardian Risk Management conference, April 2016
- Kick-Off Session on the High-Exposure MPL
 Marketplace: Top Med Mal Claims Trends for 2016 the
 Latest Issues Affecting the Industry, Identifying and
 Mitigating New Risks, Controlling Costs, What's on
 the Horizon, and Examining the IOM Report on
 Improving Diagnosis in Healthcare
 Medical Malpractice Catastrophic Injury Conference,
 February 2016
- State of the Aging Services Insurance Marketplace in Hawaii

Atlas Risk Management, January 2016

• Anatomy of a Fall Case

Georgia Health Care Association, Summer Convention, June 2015

Manage Your Risk or Manage The Lawsuit

Health Systems and Guardian Foundation, Risk Management Conference, April 2015

 Nurse Practitioners & Physician Assistants as the New Primary Care Providers

Crittenden Medical Insurance Conference, March 2015

 The Intersection of Regulatory and Personal Injury Litigation - Practical Considerations

American Health Lawyers Association's Long Term Care and the Law Program, February 2015

Publications

 How (to This Point) Has PREP Act Application Gone So Wrong?

The New York Law Journal; December 10, 2021

• Navigating the Resumption of Visitation in Skilled Nursing Facilities

Bloomberg Law; April 14, 2021

Amendments to Public Health Law Require Resident
 Health Care Facilities to Spend 70% of Revenue on
 'Direct Resident Care,' Cap Facility Profits at 5%, and
 Limit Executive Pay

HBS Health Care Blog, April 2021

• CMS Issues 'Frequently Asked Questions' Document On Nursing Home Visitation

HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog, July 2020

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• Overview Of State Regulations Related To Pandemics And Nursing Homes

HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog, June 2020

• GAO Reports To Senate On Pre-COVID-19 Infection Control Deficiencies In Nursing Homes

HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog, June 2020

History and Use of The Hypothetical Question in Georgia

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Journal, 1993

In the Press

McKnights:
Drew Graham
on
Confronting
Antibiotic
Challenges for
Long-Term
Care Facilities

April 22, 2025

In a recent article published by McKnight's Long-Term Care News, Partner Drew Graham, chair of Hall Booth Smith's Aging Services practice, interviewed Dr. Morgan Katz, director of antimicrobial stewardship at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore, for her thoughts on the negative ramifications of improper use of antibiotics.

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McKnight's
Long Term
Care News: On
PREP Act, Still
Too Early to

Tell Whether Providers Will be Immune

January 23, 2023

New York City Partner Drew
Graham, Aging Services
Practice Area founder at Hall
Booth Smith, and Tara
Clayton, Senior Vice President
at risk management firm
Marsh McLennan, recently
joined McKnight's Long Term
Care News senior editor
Kimberly Marselas to discuss
the Public Readiness and
Emergency Preparedness
(PREP) Act and COVID-19
lawsuits. Graham says it is

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Medscape:
Drew Graham
on COVID
Liability
Claims
Involving PostAcute Care

November 1, 2022

In a MedScape story about a proliferation of new lawsuits resulting from care provided

or delayed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Drew Graham, partner and leader of the Aging Services Practice Area at Hall Booth Smith, told the publication most of the COVID liability claims he has seen involve post-acute care, such as nursing homes and

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McKnight's
Long-Term
Care News:
Drew Graham
on Supreme
Court's
Decision to
Review PREP
Act COVID-19
Liability Cases

September 12, 2022

The U.S. Supreme Court may finally determine whether COVID-19 liability cases related to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act belong in state or federal court. While states can currently consider cases based on federal law, Glenhaven Healthcare is

seeking petition from the court to hear its COVID-19 litigation case exclusively in federal court

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Hall Booth
Smith Expands
New York City
Office with
Addition of
Four Attorneys

August 26, 2022

New York, NY – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has added four attorneys to its New York City office as the firm expands to serve its clients in the state of New York. Warren S. Koster is a Partner in our New York City office. He comes to HBS with extensive experience in a wide variety of insurance

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McKnight's
Long-Term
Care News:
Drew Graham

on Nursing Home "Win" from SCOTUS Case

May 3, 2022

The Supreme Court of the United States on Monday said it will review a ruling that revived an injury lawsuit against a state-owned nursing home. The case has wide-reaching implications for providers. It could add a new right for private lawsuits of action as a component of the federal Nursing Home Reform Act (NHRA) depending

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McKnight's
Newsmakers
Podcast: Drew
Graham on
Unraveling
PREP Act
Immunity

May 3, 2022

Nursing home providers seeking protection from lawsuits and financial liability related to the care

they've provided during the pandemic are largely dependent on the federal PREP Act, especially now that many state shield laws are expiring. But a series of legal challenges has led to a backand-forth on the act's ability to shield operators from all

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McKnight's
Long-Term
Care News:
Drew Graham
on Fed
Spotlight
Detracting
from Patient
Focus

April 27, 2022

An effort to improve transparency into nursing home ownership took a major leap forward when federal officials posted previously non-public data April 20, but providers and legal experts cautioned that early findings should not be viewed in a vacuum. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' decision to post the data marked the first time

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McKnight's
Newsmakers
Podcast: Drew
Graham on
CMS
Consideration
for Nursing
Home
Minimum
Staffing Rule
Study

April 12, 2022

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is launching an ambitious study in support of the first minimum staffing rule for nursing homes. If you think you know how they will set their targets and all the reasons they will matter to providers, think again. Drew Graham, partner and head of the Long-Term Care Practice

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Smith Adds
Stewart G.
Milch as Of
Counsel in
New York City
Office

January 6, 2022

NEW YORK, NY – January 6, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to welcome experienced attorney Stewart G. Milch as Of Counsel to its growing office in New York City. For almost 30 years Stewart has concentrated his practice on appeals to safeguard hard-fought victories and overturn unfavorable outcomes in lower courts. He

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Healthcare
Risk
Management:
Drew Graham
on How
Circuit Court
Decision May

Increase COVID Lawsuits

December 16, 2021

In an article in Healthcare Risk Management, Drew Graham, Partner and leader of the Aging Services practice, explains how a decision from the 3rd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals holding that nursing homes were not protected by the 2005 Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act in the way they thought, may result in long-term

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New York Law
Journal:
Graham &
Tomlinson on
Potential
PREP Act
Circuit Court
Review

December 13, 2021

In a New York Law Journal article evaluating the application of the Public

Readiness and Emergency
Preparedness Act (PREP) to
claims of health care provider
liability related to medical
countermeasures against the
COVID-19 pandemic, Drew
Graham and Teresa Pike
Tomlinson, Partners at Hall
Booth Smith, explain why the
PREP Act may finally get the
review

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Law.com: Drew Graham on How Future COVID-19 Cases Against Providers Will Be Handled

November 2, 2021

In an article published by Law.com on November 2, 2021, Drew Graham, Hall Booth Smith Partner and Leader of the firm's Aging Services and Long-Term Care practices, discusses the recent ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals against two nursing homes, and the case's impact on how future COVID-19 cases brought against all

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Modern
Healthcare:
Drew Graham
on Impact of
3rd Circuit
Ruling on
Future PREP
Act Coverage

October 26, 2021

In an article published by
Modern Healthcare on
October 25, 2021, Drew
Graham, Hall Booth Smith
Partner and Leader of the
firm's Aging Services and
Long-Term Care practices,
discusses the recent ruling by
the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of
Appeals against two nursing
homes, and the case's impact
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cases brought against

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McKnight's
Long-Term
Care News:
Drew Graham

on
Consequences
of Third
Circuit
Decision
Regarding NJ
Nursing
Homes

October 22, 2021

In an article published in McKnights Long-Term Care News on October 22, 2021, Drew Graham, Hall Booth Smith Partner and Leader of the firm's Aging Services and Long-Term Care practices, is extensively quoted discussing this week's U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit decision that two New Jersey nursing homes could be sued in

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Bloomberg
Law: Graham
& Walker
Discuss
Implications

of CMS' New Guidance on Nursing Home Visitation

April 15, 2021

In an article published in Bloomberg Law on April 14, 2021, Partner Drew Graham and Associate Danielle Walker discuss the implications of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) new guidance on nursing home visitation. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, CMS has recognized the toll the pandemic has taken on nursing home residents, from infection

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Amendments
to Public
Health Law
Require
Resident
Health Care
Facilities to
Spend 70% of

Revenue on
"Direct
Resident
Care," Cap
Facility Profits
at 5%, and
Limit
Executive Pay

April 8, 2021

Written by: T. Andrew
Graham, Esq., Anthony
Venditto, Esq., and Evan
O'Hara, Esq. In February of
2021, Governor Andrew
Cuomo announced that, as
part of his effort to enact
sweeping nursing home
reform legislation, he would
not sign a budget for the
2022 fiscal year into law
unless it included legislation
requiring nursing home
facilities

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Hall Booth
Smith adds
DeZago as Of
Counsel in

New York City Office

March 18, 2021

NEW YORK, NY - March 18, 2021 - Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce the addition of Daniele DeZago as Of Counsel to its growing office in New York City, as the firm expands its medical malpractice team. Daniele concentrates her practice on medical malpractice defense and insurance coverage disputes. Specifically, she

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Hall Booth Smith Adds Three New Partners in New York City Office

October 6, 2020

NEW YORK, NY – October 6, 2020 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to welcome three experienced partners to its growing office in New York City as the firm expands its medical malpractice team.

Anthony "Tony" Venditto is a Partner with three decades of experience in the courtroom. He has defended numerous hospitals, nursing

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CMS Issues
'Frequently
Asked
Questions'
Document On
Nursing Home
Visitation

July 1, 2020

Written by: Drew Graham, Esq. and Laura Hall Cartner, Esq. On June 24, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") issued an updated set of Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") regarding nursing homes and safe visitation to residents. While explicitly encouraging nursing homes to work with state and local authorities to maintain safety, CMS

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OVERVIEW OF
STATE
REGULATION
S RELATED
TO
PANDEMICS
AND
NURSING
HOMES

June 24, 2020

Written by: Drew Graham, Esq. In May 2020, JAMDA (the official journal of the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine) published a summary about the variability in state regulations regarding infection control and pandemic response in US nursing homes. The study reviewed existing regulations for all fifty states and the District of Columbia, focusing

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GAO Reports
To Senate On
Pre-COVID-19
Infection

Control Deficiencies In Nursing Homes

June 15, 2020

Written by: John E. Hall, Jr., Esq. and Drew Graham, Esq. In spring 2020, Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) asked the Government Accounting Office ("GAO") to analyze the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' ("CMS") oversight of infection control in nursing homes. On May 20, 2020, GAO issued the first of several responsive reports, focusing on

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CMS PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON REOPENING NURSING HOMES

May 21, 2020

Written by: Drew Graham, Esq. Most nursing homes have been functioning at the highest level of vigilance for

several weeks, restricting visitation, entry of non-essential healthcare personnel, and residents' group activities. On May 18, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") offered its first recommendations for reopening nursing homes in the wake of

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The
Department of
Health and
Human
Services
Issues
Declaration
under the
Public
Readiness and
Emergency
Preparedness
("PREP Act")

March 18, 2020

Written by: Christopher Eads, Esq. The Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") recently issued a

declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness ("PREP Act") Act to provide immunity to liability for activities related to medical countermeasures against the coronavirus(COVID-19). The declaration is effective retroactively to February 4, 2020. Executive Summary Under the declaration,

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Hall Booth
Smith Expands
Beyond
Southeast
With New
Jersey Offices,
Adds Retired
Judge Reddin
as Partner

February 27, 2019

SADDLE BROOK, N.J. – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is opening a new office in New Jersey as the Atlanta-based litigation firm expands beyond the Southeast for the first time to serve clients in New Jersey & New York. The firm is also pleased to announce that recently retired New Jersey

Superior Court Judge Raymond Reddin

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Hall Booth
Smith is
Pleased to
Announce
Madeline
Mitchell as a
New Associate
in the
Brunswick
Office

December 4, 2013

Hall Booth Smith (HBS) is pleased to announce and welcome Madeline Mitchell as an Associate in Brunswick Office. Mitchell will be focusing on the Long Term Care and Senior Housing Industry practice for the clients in this area. She will be joining a team of 16 attorneys with a concentration in Long Term Care and

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HBS Hosts 7th
Annual Pig
Roast to
Support
Atlanta
Community
Food Bank

February 1, 2013

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) hosted its 7th Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank on January 29th at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta. Over 700 guests, including many state and local leaders, gathered to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank as they enjoyed outstanding food, entertaining music, and excellent fellowship.

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HBS Supports
Atlanta
Community
Food Bank
with 6th

Annual Pig Roast

January 27, 2012

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) hosted its 6th Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The event was held on January 24th at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta. Over 600 distinguished guests gathered to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank while enjoying outstanding food and excellent fellowship. The Pig Roast, first

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HBS Hosted Webinar on Health Care Reform

March 29, 2010

On March 30th, 2010, HBS hosted a webinar in conjunction with GHCA. Attorneys Trey Reese and Drew Graham spoke during the event on The Impact of Health Care Reform for Skilled Nursing Facilities. The webinar ran at two times that

day, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information about this webinar or other events, please email Trina Bazarte

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