

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

For over three decades, Betsy Moran has concentrated her practice on appeals and preparing critical motions, briefs, jury instructions, and strategies for trial proceedings. She has more than 130 published and unpublished appellate decisions in state and federal courts along with countless trial court decisions.

Her appellate and critical motions practice spans medical malpractice, long-term / aging services, and correctional health care and also includes general casualty, premises liability, public entity / governmental immunity, products liability, employment, construction defect, and homeowners association disputes. She has frequently served as amicus counsel supporting issues of importance to our clients.

Key decisions she has obtained have served to interpret and enforce state law damage limitations in health care and general tort cases, establish the rights of defense counsel to access medical information and meet with a plaintiff's treating health care providers, enforce immunities for governmental health care providers, refine the standards for Section 1983 claims against health care providers, establish standards of proof for age

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discrimination, and refine the application of FDA medical device preemption principles in product liability cases.

Betsy earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Denver and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics at Northwestern University. She serves on the Board of Directors for The Denver Hospice and has 15 years of past experience serving on an Institutional Review Board for a hospital.

## Experience

With three decades of litigation experience — first as a trial lawyer and then as an appellate specialist — Betsy has extensive experience not only in litigating appeals but also in counseling and assisting trial counsel on novel and complex legal issues, preparing and arguing dispositive trial court motions, crafting jury instructions, and identifying and preserving issues for appeal as they arise.

Her areas of expertise include all aspects of medical malpractice and health care litigation as well as construction disputes, premises liability, employment, products liability, and other commercial litigation.

## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

- Colorado
  - Supreme Court

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

U.S. Supreme Court

## Education

- J.D., University of Denver
- B.A., Economics, Northwestern University

## Memberships

- Denver Bar Association: Member, 1986-Present
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association: Member, 2000-Present
- The Denver Hospice: Board of Directors, 2018-Present

## Recognition

- [\*The Best Lawyers in America\*®](#), Best Lawyers®, 2017-2026
  - Awarded in: Appellate Practice, Health Care Law, Insurance Law, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™](#), Martindale-Hubbell
- [Colorado Super Lawyer](#), Super Lawyers®; 2007, 2010-2011, 2015-2016, 2019-2023

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- Jean Schmid Ulrich Scholarship, 1985-1986
- Harry Trueblood Scholarship, 1984-1985
- AmJur Award for Contracts, 1984

## In the Press

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## **58 HBS** **Attorneys** **Recognized as** **The Best** **Lawyers in** **America®** **Award** **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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## **55 Hall Booth** **Smith Lawyers** **Recognized as** **2024 Best** **Lawyers®** **Award** **Recipients**

August 21, 2023

We're pleased to announce that 55 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in

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## **5 Colorado HBS Attorneys Honored in the 2023 Super Lawyers Magazine**

March 8, 2023

DENVER, COLORADO – March 8, 2023 – HBS is honored to celebrate the talent of Christine A. Craigmile, Elizabeth C. Moran, Scott S. Nixon, Catherine O’Brien Crum, and Bradley N. Shefrin as they have been recognized on the 2023 Super Lawyers list. Christine A. Craigmile Christine was honored for her work in personal injury medical

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## **Daily Report: Betsy Moran on HBS’ New Reproductive Health**

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## **Strategic Team**

September 13, 2022

In a Daily Report article about Hall Booth Smith's recently launched Reproductive Health Strategic Team, a group of firm attorneys working to address legal considerations of reproductive health following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Elizabeth C. "Betsy" Moran, Denver-based partner and team leader, told the publication the team

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## **HBS Announces Reproductive Health Specialty Team**

August 19, 2022

Legal considerations surrounding reproductive healthcare are more complex than ever before and continue to change almost daily. To address these

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considerations, Hall Booth Smith has launched its new Reproductive Health Specialty Team. HBS has a dedicated team of highly experienced attorneys who counsel healthcare providers, insurers, employers, patients and others who provide, seek or support

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## **Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In America 2023**

August 18, 2022

47 lawyers from the firm have been honored in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

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## **HBS Attorneys Selected as Super Lawyers in the 2022**

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## Colorado Super Lawyers Magazine

March 7, 2022

In the 2022 edition of the Colorado Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again be recognized for its outstanding legal work as five of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers: Christine A. Craigmile, Elizabeth C. Moran, Scott S. Nixon, Catherine O'Brien Crum and Bradley N.

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## Hall Booth Smith Expands to Denver with Nixon Shefrin Additions

January 10, 2022

DENVER, Jan. 10, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. announced today the opening of a Denver office with the addition of 17 attorneys and 18 staff members from Nixon Shefrin Ogburn Drew, P.C., a leading litigation defense firm in central Colorado. The



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combination is part of Hall  
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westward expansion and  
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