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Biography

Harry D. Norton, Jr. is a Partner in our New Jersey office, and he has defended insurers and insureds for more than 40 years.

Harry is sought after by both courts and law firms for his skills as an arbitrator and mediator. He specializes in insurance matters including personal injury reimbursement claims, premises liability, construction, governmental liability, and other disputes. He also represents clients in arbitration and mediation and on appeal.

Before joining Hall Booth Smith in 2021, he was a Partner at Norton, Sheehy, Murphy & Corrubia, P.C., a law firm in New Jersey.

Harry serves as a Municipal Court Judge in six different municipalities and has served as a Borough Attorney or Special Counsel for the municipalities of Saddle River, Ramsey, and the Village of Ridgefield Park as well as for the cities of Hackensack, Clifton, and Paterson.

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He is a panel attorney for the South Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund, the Municipal Excess Liability Fund for Public Officials and

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Employment Practices Liability, and the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund for Municipal Liability. He also serves on the mediation panel for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Earlier in his career, Harry was an Assistant Prosecutor in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, serving as Chief of the Trial Section and Chief of the Grand Jury Section. He was a law secretary for the Honorable John L. Ard in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Harry earned a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University, where he served as the Director of the Legislative Bureau and received the Seton Hall Law Center Alumni Award. He also completed a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Law at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he was the recipient of the Pepper Prize for outstanding leadership and was named to the Dean's List.

Harry is an avid golfer, and he has been a member of the Hackensack Golf Club for more than 25 years; a member of the Marsh Creek Country Club in St. Augustine, Florida, for more than 20 years; a member of the Trenton Country Club for more than a decade, and an overseas member of the County Sligo Golf Club at Rosses Point in Ireland.

Experience

Appellate

Harry represents clients through the appellate process to overturn unfavorable verdicts or preserve hard-fought victories.

Arbitration & Mediation

Alternative dispute resolution forums have an important place in the legal process, and Harry guides clients through arbitration and mediation when those avenues are the most expedient and cost-effective ways to resolve litigation.

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Construction

Harry represents builders, developers, owners, investors, insurers, and other parties in complex construction projects, including contracts, compliance with rules and regulations, insurance coverage, liability, defects, damage, injury, and more.

Governmental Liability

Civil servants face more pressure than ever before on the job as they handle the complexities of federal, state, and local demands as well as the needs of the public. Harry works with municipal and government clients to protect their interests in a vast range of government liability matters, including best practices and risk reduction strategies, internal investigations, and litigation defense.

Insurance Coverage

Harry represents insurers and insureds in claims resolution as well as daily needs such as policy procurement and coverage advice.

Premises Liability

Harry defends clients in a host of premises liability litigation, including injury, workers' compensation, damage, theft, and property loss. He understands that reducing the likelihood of claims in the first place is an important part of any legal strategy, so he also counsels clients on best practices, risk mitigation, and loss prevention.

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Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- New Jersey
- New York

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- J.D., Seton Hall University
- B.A., Lafayette College

Memberships

- DRI: Member
- Bergen County Bar Association:
  - Judicial Section Committee: Chairman
  - Law Day Committee: Member
  - Mock Trial Competition: Coordinator
  - Municipal Court Committee: Member

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- New Jersey Defense Association: Member
- New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys: Trustee
- New Jersey State Bar Association:
  - Insurance Defense Committee: Member, 2022-2023
  - Automobile Litigation and No Fault Committee: Co-

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Chair, 2021-2022
- Passaic County Bar Association: Trustee: 2017-2020;
- Supreme Court of New Jersey District XI:
  - Ethics Committee: Member, 1997-2000, Chair: 1999-2000, Vice Chair: 1998-1999, Bench Bar Liaison Committee: Chair
  - Office of Attorney Ethics: Volunteer III Member, Appointed by Supreme Court, 2010-2014

Recognition

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell
- New Jersey Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers®, 2012-2024
- Lawyer Achievement Award, Bergen County Bar Foundation
- Distinguished Practitioner, Passaic County Bar Association

Presentations

- **Trial College, Panelist**
  New Jersey Defense Association, October 2024
- **New Jersey Personal Injury Litigation, Secrets Only the Top Attorneys Know: Advanced Voir Dire and Jury Selection Techniques**
  National Business Institute, October 2022
- **DWI Institute Panelist**
  New Jersey State Bar Association 2022
- **Hot Topics in Insurance**
  New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting and Convention, May 2022
- **Municipal Court Practice 101**
  New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting and Convention, May 2022

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- **New Jersey Insurance Fair Conduct Act: A Look at the New Law, Bad Faith, & the Future for Auto Injury Cases**

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NJSBA Automobile Litigation and No-Fault Special Committee CLE, March 2022

- **Insurance Law Update: Special Considerations Concerning the New Jersey Tort Claims Act with respect to Public Property**
  Mercer County Bar Association Xtreme CLE, October 2021
- **Staying on Your Feet in Slip and Fall Cases**
  New Jersey State Bar Association CLE Panel, September 2021
- **The Basics of Representing Individuals Charged with Driving Under the Influence in Municipal Court**
  New Jersey State Bar Association CLE Panel, September 2021
- **Federal Civil Practice**
  NJDA Annual Meeting, June 2021
- **Municipal Court Practice – A View from the Bench**
  Bergen County Bar Association, September 2019
- **DWI Institute 2019**
  New Jersey State Bar Association, August 2019
- **Municipal Court Practice**
  New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2019
- **Municipal Court Practice**
  New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2018
- **2017 Civil Case Law Update**
  New Jersey Defense Association Annual Meeting; Hershey, Pennsylvania; June 2017
- **Hot Tips Seminar**
  Passaic County Bar Association, April 2017
- **Auto Injuries: Advanced Plaintiff Strategies**
  National Business Institute, April 2017
- **Civil Reservation of Rights: Application of Maida v. Kuskin in Personal Injury Actions**
  CLE Seminar; New Brunswick, New Jersey; August 2016
- **DWI Institute**
  New Jersey State Bar Association; New Brunswick, New Jersey; August 2016
- **Auto Injury Litigation from Start to Finish**
  National Business Institute, July 2016
- **Introduction to Motion Practice and Trial Techniques in Municipal Court**
  New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting; Atlantic

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City, New Jersey; May 2016.

- **Wrongful Death Litigation: Start to Finish**
  National Business Institute, December 2015
- **Municipal Court Practice – A View from the Bench**
  Bergen County Bar Association meeting, December 2015
- **DWI Arrests**
  Mid-Year State Bar Association Meeting panel; New Orleans, Louisiana; November 2015
- **DWI Institute**
  New Jersey State Bar Association conference; New Brunswick, New Jersey; August 2015.
- **Hot Tips in Civil Litigation**
  Institute for Continuing Education at New Jersey State Bar Association Headquarters; New Brunswick, New Jersey; September 2014
- **Municipal Court 101 – Trying Cases in Municipal Court: The Basics**
  New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting; Atlantic City, New Jersey; May 2014
- **Hot Tips in Civil Litigation**
  New Jersey State Bar Association; Mid-Year Meeting; Rome, Italy; November 2013

Publications

- **Litigating the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claim**
  National Business Institute, October 2012
- **Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claim**
  National Business Institute, March 2010
- **Getting the Best Settlement in Auto Injury Cases**
  National Business Institute, September 2009
- **Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law in New Jersey**
  National Business Institute, 2001

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In the Press

HBS Paramus Partner Harry D. Norton, Jr. Honored as 2025 New Jersey Super Lawyer

March 21, 2025

Hall Booth Smith is pleased to share that Paramus Partner Harry D. Norton, Jr. has been named to the 2025 New Jersey Super Lawyers list.

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2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers Honors HBS Paramus Partner Harry D. Norton, Jr.

March 25, 2024

We’re excited to announce that Paramus Partner Harry Norton has been recognized

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on the 2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers list.

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2023 New Jersey Super Lawyers Recognizes Paramus Attorney Harry Norton

June 5, 2023

HBS is excited to announce that Paramus Partner Harry D. Norton, Jr. has been recognized on the 2023 New Jersey Super Lawyers list. Harry was honored for his work in personal injury general defense matters. He has defended insurers and insureds for more than 40 years and is sought after by both courts and law

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Four Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored in

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the 2022 New Jersey Super Lawyers Magazine

March 18, 2022

In the 2022 edition of the New Jersey Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Partners David Badie, Harry D. Norton, Jr. and Philip F. Mattia have all been named as Super Lawyers, and Attorney Brooke E. Reddin has been selected

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HBS Hires Associate Jesse Tolentino in Woodland Park, NJ

October 15, 2021

WOODLAND PARK, NJ – October 15, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is happy to welcome Associate Jesse Tolentino to its Woodland

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Park office as the firm continues to strengthen its insurance and liability defense practices. Jesse Tolentino focuses his practice on the defense of municipalities and other government bodies in liability and other

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Four Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored in the 2021 New Jersey Super Lawyers Magazine

April 6, 2021

In the 2021 edition of the New Jersey Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Partners Jeffrey M. Daitz, Harry D. Norton, Jr. and Brian M. Murphy have all been named as Super Lawyers, and Attorney Brooke E. Reddin has been

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Hall Booth Smith Expands in New Jersey with Addition of Norton, Murphy Attorneys

April 1, 2021

ATLANTA – April 1, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is expanding in the New Jersey and New York area with the addition of Attorneys from the law firm of Norton, Murphy, Sheehy & Corrubia, P.C., as it continues to strengthen its insurance and liability defense services. Seven Attorneys from the firm will be

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