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Biography

A native of Asheville, Ike returned home to practice law in 1981. After graduation from the University of North Carolina both as an undergraduate and from its law school, Ike clerked at the North Carolina Supreme Court in Raleigh for the year following his admission to the bar. Ike has practiced as a partner in two law firms including one he founded in 1998. He brings to HBS a wealth of trial experience.

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For nearly four decades, Ike has concentrated his area of practice in the field of medical malpractice defense litigation involving catastrophic injuries, birth injuries, and complex medical matters. Ike has tried in excess of 75 medical malpractice trials to jury verdict and has also tried multiple other cases involving will caveats, theft of trade secrets, arson, fraudulent lending and a host of automobile and general liability cases.

Ike is routinely consulted by health care providers concerning licensing boards issues, privilege issues, and risk management. In other litigation, Ike has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in cases involving a wide range of claims including catastrophic

Services

Business Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Products Liability

Professional Malpractice & Ethics

Wills, Trusts, & Estate Administration

Strategic Teams

National Trial Counsel

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personal injury, stealing of business secrets, arson, violations of covenants, business interruption claims and products liability. Those cases have been tried in both federal and state court and have been trials which occurred in every county west of Charlotte.

Professionally, Ike is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has previously served on the Board of Directors of the NC Association of Defense Attorneys and the NC Board of Law Examiners. Ike has presented numerous times on both the practical and the intellectual aspects of trial work.

In his time away from work, Ike is part owner of a motorcycle shop and spends as much time as possible outdoors with his children as they fish, camp, boat, and scuba dive.







Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- North Carolina, 1980

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., University of North Carolina, 1980
- B.A., University of North Carolina, 1975

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Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American College of Trial Lawyers: Fellow
- DRI
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
- North Carolina Bar Association
- North Carolina Board of Law Examiners

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Best Lawyers®, 2008-2026
  - Awarded in: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell
- Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, 2024
- North Carolina Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers®, 2008-2024

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- Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers®
  - Awarded in: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Asheville; 2014, 2016, 2019, 2023
  - Awarded in: Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Asheville; 2013, 2015
- Best Business Litigators, Legal Elite, 2007-2017

In the Press

HBS Attorneys Selected as

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2025 North Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

February 18, 2025

HBS is proud to announce five attorneys have been recognized on the 2025 North Carolina Super Lawyers & Rising Stars list.

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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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HBS Attorneys Selected as 2024 North Carolina Super Lawyers & Rising Stars

January 16, 2024

HBS is proud to announce that Super Lawyers has recognized Asheville Partner Issac N. Northup, Jr. and Charlotte Associate Christian Ferlan on their 2024 North Carolina Super Lawyers and 2024 North Carolina Rising Stars lists, respectfully.

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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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4 North Carolina Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Super Lawyers Lists

January 26, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA – January 26, 2023 – In the 2023 edition of the magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as four of its attorneys have been named on the lists of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Isaac Northup has been selected to the

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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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Two Asheville Partners Recognized on the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

January 20, 2022

In the 2022 edition of the North Carolina Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as two of its Partners have been named on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Isaac Northup has been selected to the Super Lawyers list

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Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In America® 2022

August 19, 2021

We're excited to announce that 25 HBS lawyers have been recognized in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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Hall Booth Smith Welcomes Kessler to Asheville Office

July 12, 2021

ASHEVILLE, NC – July 12, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) welcomes Austin Rowe Kessler as an Associate to its growing office in Asheville, North Carolina. Austin

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concentrates his practice on insurance defense and general liability matters. He also represents clients in medical malpractice, professional malpractice and negligence and governmental liability disputes. Prior to

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Two HBS Attorneys Included on 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

February 4, 2021

In the 2021 edition of the North Carolina Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as two of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Isaac Northup has been selected to the Super Lawyers list and Martha Bradley

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Hall Booth Smith Welcomes Kaitlin Romanelli Myers to Asheville Office

January 13, 2021

ASHEVILLE, NC – January 13, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) welcomes Kaitlin Romanelli Myers as an Associate to its growing office in Asheville, North Carolina. Kaitlin focuses her practice on family law, insurance defense and general liability matters. She represents clients in a wide range of family law disputes and civil litigation including

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Lawyers In America© 2021

August 20, 2020

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce 24 lawyers from the firm were honored in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America© . This award is based on an evaluation process that includes a collection of client and lawyer evaluations and peer reviews from attorneys in the same field. These HBS

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Hall Booth Smith Welcomes Martha S. Bradley to Asheville Office

December 17, 2019

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Dec. 17, 2019 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. welcomes Martha S. Bradley as an Associate in its growing office in Asheville, North

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Carolina. Bradley counsels clients on a wide variety of business litigation, real estate disputes and construction matters. She also defends clients in medical malpractice and dental claims, professional malpractice and

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HBS Partner Isaac Northup Recognized in 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers Magazine

January 26, 2018

ASHEVILLE, NC – In the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as partner Isaac Northup has been named a 2018 Super Lawyer.

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Hall Booth Smith Opens

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Asheville Office, Second in North Carolina

June 26, 2017

ATLANTA – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. announces the opening of an office in Asheville, North Carolina, the firm's 14th office in the Southeast and second in North Carolina. This comes shortly after the firm's office opening in Jacksonville, Florida earlier this month. The new office, to be managed by Isaac N. Northup, Jr., bolsters the firm's

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