

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

J.D. Easley is a Partner in the Alpharetta office, practicing in personal injury, general liability, premises liability, and insurance coverage matters. He also represents law firms and attorneys in professional malpractice matters.

Prior to joining HBS, J.D. represented employers and insurers in workers' compensation cases, handling cases from the trial level to the Georgia Court of Appeals. He also trained business owners and managers to ensure compliance with requirements and anticipated revisions to Georgia workers' compensation laws.

J.D. previously served as the press secretary for the Georgia House of Representatives for nearly five years. He also worked as the communications director for a congressional campaign and in a congressional office in Washington, D.C.

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During law school, J.D. interned with the Gwinnett County Legal Department, where he assisted with cases concerning commercial real estate development, tax assessments, water runoff and waste, blighted/nuisance properties, and local legislation. J.D. also

## Services

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gained valuable experience interning for the American Bar Association's Ethics & Professionalism Committee. He served on the *Georgia State University Law Review* and the Logan E. Bleckley Inn of Court. He also received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Local Government Law and the American Bar Association Local Government Law Student Scholar Award.

He received his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Georgia State University, graduating in the top 10% of his class and earning the highest pro bono distinction. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *cum laude*, from Georgia College & State University.

## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia, 2014

### Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Georgia State University, 2014
- B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, Georgia College & State University

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Free and Accepted Master Mason
- Georgia Bar Association

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- Logan E. Bleckley Inn of Court, 2013-2014

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- Order of the Coif
- Philmont Staff Association, Member

## Recognition

- [\*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America\*](#), Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants; Best Lawyers®; 2022-2025
- [\*Georgia Rising Star\*](#), Super Lawyers®, 2024
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Local Government Law
- Local Government Law Student Scholar Award, American Bar Association

## Presentations

- **Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation**  
2016 Annual Education Conference

## Publications

- **[Offenses Against Public Order and Safety HB 55](#)**  
*Georgia State University Law Review*, January 2014

## In the Press

### **33 HBS** **Attorneys** **Named to**

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## **2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America**

August 16, 2024

HBS is excited to announce that 33 lawyers have been included in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.

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## **Six Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Promoted to Partner**

August 1, 2024

Hall Booth Smith is proud to announce the promotion of Attorneys Jacob O'Neal, Courtney Broussard Walker, J.D. Easley, Jeremy J. Balu, Kyler Garmen, and Jenny Swajkoski to the position of partner.

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## **HBS Attorneys**

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## **Chosen to** **2024 Georgia** **Rising Stars** **List**

February 9, 2024

HBS is excited to announce that four attorneys have been selected to the 2024 Georgia Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers.

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## **34 Hall Booth** **Smith Lawyers** **Named to** **2024 Best** **Lawyers: Ones** **to Watch® in** **America**

August 22, 2023

Hall Booth Smith is pleased to announce that 34 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America. The award recognizes associates and other lawyers who are earlier in their careers for their outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United

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## Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Recognized as 2023 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

August 18, 2022

Thirty-one lawyers from Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) have been honored as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch. This recognition is given to attorneys, in a variety of practice groups, who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. This honor is based on Best Lawyers®' highly selective

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August 20, 2021

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## **Hall Booth Smith Adds New Associates in Atlanta and Jacksonville**

October 20, 2017

ATLANTA & JACKSONVILLE, FL — Hall Booth Smith, P.C. has added five new associates to its offices in Atlanta and Jacksonville, Florida, as the firm continues to grow its

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litigation practice across the Southeast. “We warmly welcome these new associates to our HBS family, and we are excited to have them represent our clients,” said

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