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Biography

J. Felicia LeRay is a Partner with Hall Booth Smith in its Health Care practice. She focuses her practice on the defense of long-term care and residential care facilities, post-acute care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, community care retirement facilities, physicians, physician groups, hospitals, and integrated delivery systems.

Before joining Hall Booth Smith, Felicia served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for the State of Georgia. In that role, she investigated allegations of health care provider fraud in multi-million-dollar *qui tam* cases. As such, she is well versed in government investigative techniques.

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A former prosecutor, Felicia is able to effectively represent and advise health care clients in the areas of business strategy and transactions, fraud and abuse protection, regulatory compliance, and privacy and confidentiality matters. She can assist health care providers and systems with the investigation of potential fraud, waste, or abuse issues, including all facets of the investigation,

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court proceedings, discovery, appeals, and settlement with whistleblowers, the United States Department of Justice, and the State Attorney General's Office.

Before serving as an Assistant Attorney General, Felicia was a creditor's rights attorney who represented mortgage creditors in the default setting. She was also a general practitioner in a solo practice and an associate in the corporate and securities practice group of an Atlanta-based international law firm, where she focused her practice on corporate transactional matters in the substantive areas of technology, real estate, and health care.

In addition to her diverse legal expertise, Felicia has considerable experience as a certified trauma nurse specialist, and she spent many years working at Grady Health System, which is Atlanta's busiest Level I Trauma Center. As such, she possesses a unique ability to combine her clinical expertise with her legal skills to provide impeccable service to all of her clients.

Felicia lives in Atlanta with her husband and daughters, and in her spare time she enjoys competing in triathlons.

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Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia, 2005
 - Court of Appeals, Supreme Court

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 2005
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, 2011
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 2001

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2006

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Education

- J.D., Mercer University, 2005
- B.S., Hampton University, 1996

Memberships

- American Civil Liberties Union, 2016-Present
- American Health Lawyers Association, 2016-Present
- Chi Eta Phi (Nursing) Sorority, Inc., 1995-Present
- Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, 2005-Present

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- Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, 2005-Present
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Hall Booth Smith, Co-Chair Co-Chair Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2017-Present
- Human Rights Campaign, 2016-Present
- Mercer University Law School Alumni, Board of Directors, 2023-Present
- South Fulton Running Partners, Executive Committee 2016-Present
- State Bar of Georgia:
 - Georgia Diversity Program, Steering Committee Member 2020-2021
 - Health Law Section Member, 2005-Present
- U.S. Masters Swimming, 2016-Present
- USA Triathlon, 2013-Present
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., 1995-Present

Recognition

- 2021 Class of Inspire Atlanta, The Atlanta Women's Foundation
- Top 100, The National Black Lawyers Association, 2019-2020

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Presentations

- **The Festival for Diversity & Inclusion in Insurance**
Dive In Festival, 2019

Publications

- **Collecting Post-petition Pre-confirmation Attorneys' Fees in Proofs of Claim**
March 22, 2011
- **Establishing Standing in an Era of Securitized Mortgage Pools**
October 18, 2010

In the Press

Hall Booth Smith Names Six New Partners

November 6, 2020

ATLANTA – November 6, 2020
– Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS)
has named six new partners
as the firm elevates leaders
and recognizes their
outstanding service to clients.
Joining the firm's partnership
ranks are Abe Varner, J.
Felicia LeRay, and Paul

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Trainor in Atlanta; Hank Pittman and J.D. Dean in Tifton; and Spencer Craig Gill

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HBS Welcomes Attorneys Payton D. Bramlett and J. Felicia LeRay

February 24, 2017

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to welcome new associates to our Atlanta office team: Payton D. Bramlett and J. Felicia LeRay. Payton D. Bramlett joins as an associate in the Atlanta office. Payton joins the firm's transportation litigation group where he defends transportation and logistics companies, their drivers, and insurers. Before joining HBS, Payton

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