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Biography

Jason B. Hendren is a Partner who has been protecting the legal rights of clients for almost thirty years.

Jason represents hospitals, physician groups, long term care facilities, clinics, doctors, nurses, insurers, and other health care professionals in a wide range of complex medical malpractice litigation. He also defends clients in Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA) claims, HIPAA matters, and other complicated health care and aging services related litigation. In addition, he counsels companies of all sizes on general liability, products liability disputes, and governmental relations, working closely with each client to align legal strategy with long-term business goals.

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Born with two congenital heart defects, Jason has had numerous heart surgeries that saved his life and inspired him to dedicate his career to representing physicians, hospitals and health care providers who tirelessly serve patients. His personal experience inspires his passion for medical malpractice defense, giving him

Services

Aging Services

Dental

General Liability

Governmental Liability

Health Care

Medical Malpractice

Products Liability

Strategic Teams

National Trial Counsel

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empathy and first-hand knowledge of the stress and pressure providers face during every patient encounter.

Jason earned a Juris Doctorate degree, *with honors*, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, where his case note was published. Previously he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, *with honors*, in English and Communications at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. During college he became a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

involvement in the legal community includes current service with the Arkansas Bar Association as an inaugural member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Legislation Committee, and Chairman of the Membership Task Force. He is also a member of the Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society. He previously served on the Defense Research Institute ("DRI") National Board of Directors as Southwest Regional Representative. He is a past President of the Arkansas Bar Foundation and the Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel. He is a past Chairman of the Arkansas History Commission and currently serves as a commissioner. He has received two gubernatorial appointments to serve as a Special Associate Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court.

Credentials

Admitted

U.S. Supreme Court

State Courts:

- Arkansas
- State of New Mexico, County of San Miguel, 4th Judicial District (*pro hac vice*)
- State of Ohio, Court of Common Pleas of Lucas County, (*pro hac vice*)
- State of Illinois, Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, County of Peoria (Rule 707)

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Article I Courts:

- U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court for New Mexico
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (*pro hac vice*)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California (*pro hac vice*)

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., *with honors*, University of Arkansas
  - Member of the Editorial Board (Articles Editor) of the UALR *Law Journal*
  - Arkansas Bar Foundation Excellence in Legal Writing Award
  - Member of National Trial Competition Team
- B.A., English & Communications, *with honors*, University of Arkansas Fayetteville

Memberships

- Arkansas Bar Association: Member
  - Board of Trustees, 2020-Present
  - Legislation Committee, 2020-Present
  - Membership Task Force, Chairman; 2021
- Arkansas Supreme Court: Special Associate Justice, 2017 & 2019
  - Historical Society: Member, 2019-Present
- Bentonville Schools Foundation: Board of Directors, 2009-

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Present
- University of Arkansas Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law Dean's Advisory Council Board: Member, Present

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- DRI:
  - National Board of Directors, 2018-2021
  - State Representative, 2015-2018
- Arkansas History Commission: Member, 2018-Present; Chairman, 2018-2020
- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel: President (Former)
- Arkansas Bar Foundation: President (Former)

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Best Lawyers®, 2023 - 2026
  - Awarded in: Government Relations Practice, Litigation - Health Care, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Mid-South Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers®, 2011-2025
  - Awarded in: Medical Malpractice Defense
- Charles L. Carpenter Memorial Award, Arkansas Bar Association, 2023
- 2022 Presidential Award of Excellence, Arkansas Bar Association
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, Martindale-Hubbell
- Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Award, 2020
- Outstanding Defense Attorney Award, Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel, 2019
- Chambers USA, Medical Malpractice Defense, 2014 - 2015

Presentations

- **Legal Issues in Nursing, Perspectives from a Defense Attorney**
  University of Arkansas Fayetteville, November 2021

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Publications

- **Medical Malpractice Cases**
  The Litigation Psychology Podcast; January 30, 2023
- **Be Prepared to Secure All Types of Evidence After Adverse Events**
  Healthcare Risk Management, 2023 (quoted)
- **Medical malpractice trends in Northwest Arkansas**
  Northwest Arkansas Business Journal, Vo. 26, No. 6; p. 14, 2022
- **Evidence Shows Apology Laws Are Largely Ineffective**
  Healthcare Risk Management, Vol 44, No. 1; p. 1-12, 2022 (quoted)
- **Spoliation of Evidence: Why This Evidentiary Concept Should Not Be Transformed into Separate Causes of Action**
  University of Arkansas Law Review, 2005
- **Peremptory Challenges after Purkett v. Elem, 115 S. Ct. 1769 (1995): How to Judge a Book by Its Cover Without Violating Equal Protection**
  University of Arkansas Law Review, 1997

In the Press

HBS Attorneys Selected to the 2025 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

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Lists

November 20, 2025

Hall Booth Smith congratulates its attorneys named to the 2025 Arkansas and Tennessee Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists for excellence across key practice areas.

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HBS Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Mid-South Super Lawyers Awards

November 21, 2024

HBS has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as 10 of its attorneys are selected to the 2024 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists.

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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 Recognized in 2023 Mid-South Super Lawyers Awards

November 28, 2023

HBS has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as 10 of its attorneys are selected to the 2023 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists

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Healthcare Risk Management: Jason Hendren on Securing Evidence After Adverse Events

November 7, 2023

In an article published on November 1, 2023 in Healthcare Risk Management, Rogers Partner Jason Hendren provides insight into steps health care organizations should take after an adverse event. Jason explains preventing changes to the medical record is one of the most critical first steps. “You can’t have doctors, nurses, or anybody else jumping in

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The Litigation Psychology Podcast: Jason Hendren & Jacque Clarke

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on Medical Malpractice Cases

February 17, 2023

Courtroom Sciences' The Litigation Psychology Podcast spoke with Rogers Partner Jason B. Hendren as well as Atlanta Partner Jacquelyn Smith Clarke about medical malpractice cases. The discussed which types of medical malpractice cases they had found to be the most difficult to litigate during their own careers, such as birth trauma and wrongful death cases,

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Five HBS Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Mid-South Super Lawyers Magazine

December 6, 2022

In the 2022 Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has been recognized for its

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outstanding legal work as 5 of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. The list recognizes outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of

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Healthcare Risk Management: Jason Hendren on Effectiveness of Health Care Apology Laws

January 3, 2022

In the January 2022 issue of Healthcare Risk Management, Partner Jason B. Hendren discusses why health care apology laws, which are meant to protect clinicians who apologize to a patient or patient's family after an adverse health care event, appear to have little positive effect. In the article, Jason explains that many states have not

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Hall Booth Smith Expands With 25th Office in Rogers, Arkansas

December 2, 2021

ROGERS, ARKANSAS – Dec. 2, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. continues to expand to serve client needs across the country with a new office in Rogers, Arkansas, which marks its 25th location. The Rogers office is located at 5417 W. Pinnacle Pointe Drive, near Bentonville and just a few minutes away from the Northwest

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