

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

Jennifer Harrison is a Partner in our Memphis office and is licensed to practice in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Her experience as a former cardiovascular ICU nurse and occupational health nurse is invaluable in her defense of health care practitioners, which she has done for more than 20 years. Jennifer enjoys integrating medicine and law and utilizing her combined experiences to be a staunch and zealous advocate for her clients. In 2014, Jennifer obtained a Master of Laws in Trial Advocacy from Temple University.

Jennifer has several published appellate decisions and numerous summary judgment awards. She enjoys teaching lawyers and legal staff about medical terminology, medical record review and organization, medical research, and other related subjects. She has presented informative seminars to physicians, nurses, risk managers, and more. In addition, Jennifer has also served as a mentor to several law students. In her free time, she enjoys reading, exercising, boating, listening to music, and spending time with her family, friends, and miniature Schnauzer, Sugar.

## Services

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## Experience

Jennifer has over 20 years of experience in protecting health care providers and facilities. She works closely with risk management, administration, and staff on many issues including quality improvement, risk management, conservatorship, power of attorney (health care), peer review matters, root cause analysis, documenting, vicarious liability issues, credentialing, policies and procedures, and EMTALA. She has served as defense counsel for hospitals and acute care clinics in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

In her proactive protection of individual health care providers in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi, Jennifer works closely with clients, experts, and other parties to achieve the best strategies, defenses, and outcomes. She researches the practice of medicine, procedures, medications, and related relevant subject matter as they relates to allegations against numerous medical and nursing specialists. She has successfully tried cases for providers who practice pursuant to boards of medicine and nursing.

Jennifer is also experienced in mediating cases in various stages of the litigation process as well as pre-suit mediations. She performs a prompt and thorough investigation, conducts all necessary research, secures and reviews pertinent medical documents, obtains expert opinions, considers potential dispositive motion success, and provides candid feedback to clients and carriers. She has had great success in mediating professional negligence cases (in suit and prior to suit) to resolution.

### Aging Services

Jennifer represents skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities as well as home health agencies, across Tennessee for multiple types of litigation including wrongful death, failure to monitor, and potential ethical violations.

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## Health Care

Jennifer represents care providers with a variety of issues including state board complaints, licensing, hospital/facility privileges and/or credentialing, state health investigations, trial subpoena protection, and assistance with depositions.

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## Medical Malpractice

Jennifer litigates from inception of lawsuit to trial. Her nursing background provides exceptional insight into the medical issues of the litigation and assists in the cross-examination of a variety of health care providers/specialists at trial. Jennifer is well acquainted with experts in a variety of medical fields which allows her to secure outstanding experts in pertinent specialties. She has successfully argued Motions to Dismiss and Motions for Summary Judgment in local courts, the U.S. District Courts, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She excels in preparing clients for trial and in trying cases to defense verdicts.

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## Credentials

### Admitted

#### State Courts:

- Arkansas, 2010
- Mississippi, 2012
- Tennessee, 2003
  - Supreme Court, 2003

#### U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2012
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, 2012
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2006
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2015

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U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2010

U.S. Supreme Court

## Certifications

- Mississippi Civil Mediator
- Tennessee Rule 31 Civil Mediator

## Education

- J.D., University of Memphis, 2003
- LL.M., Trial Advocacy, Temple University, 2014
- B.S., Nursing, University of Memphis, 1998

## Memberships

- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Association of Women Attorneys
- DRI

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- Tennessee Bar Association
- Memphis Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association

## Recognition

- [\*The Best Lawyers in America\*](#)<sup>®</sup>, Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, 2022-2024
  - Recognized in: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- [Peer Reviewed](#), Martindale-Hubbell
- [Tennessee Super Lawyer](#), Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, 2014-2018

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.

- [Tennessee Rising Star](#), Super Lawyers®, 2011-2013

## Presentations

- **Medical Terminology and How to Review a Medical Record**  
Memphis Bar Association Seminar
- **Medical Terminology and Deciphering a Medical Record**  
The Greater Memphis Paralegal Alliance
- **Bitter Pill: Vulnerabilities in Health Care Related to Opioids**  
ASHRM National Conference Panel, 2018

## Publications

- **Happiness and the Practice of Law**  
*Memphis Lawyer Magazine*

## In the Press

### 55 Hall Booth Smith Lawyers Recognized as 2024 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

August 21, 2023

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.

We're pleased to announce that 55 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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## Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In 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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## **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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## **HBS Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Mid- South Super Lawyers Magazine**

November 9, 2018

In the 2018 edition of the Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, Hall Booth Smith has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as seven of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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## **HBS Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Mid-**

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## South Super Lawyers Magazine

November 7, 2017

In the 2017 edition of the Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, HBS has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as three of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and one Rising Star.

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## HBS Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Mid- South Super Lawyers Magazine

November 15, 2016

HBS has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as three of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and one Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Mid-South Super Lawyers.

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## HBS Opens New Office in Memphis, Tennessee

April 1, 2015

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce the opening of its newest office in Memphis, Tennessee.

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