

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

Joel Henry is a Partner in our Missoula, Montana, office. Joel brings to HBS a unique ability to integrate IP, technology, corporate and transactional, and securities law into solutions for clients engaged in entrepreneurship, capital raises, mergers and acquisitions, IP protection, and cutting-edge technology areas.

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Joel is one of a handful of people in the US with both a PhD in computer science and a JD. He is one of the leading experts in Montana, and nationwide, on cryptocurrency and blockchain technology law. A significant area of his practice also includes complex, cutting-edge legal matters around new technologies including artificial intelligence, GDPR, and other data privacy laws; IT security; and data breaches. He also serves as an expert witness on litigation matters involving technology issues, electronic discovery, and digital forensics.

Joel enjoys the complexity at the intersection of law, business, and technology, given he earned two computer science degrees from Montana State University, a Doctor of Philosophy in computer science from Virginia Tech, a Juris Doctor at the University of

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Montana, and started his own software company.

In his free time, Joel enjoys brewing beer, casting flies, tracking elk, or spending time with his family.

## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

- Montana
- Wyoming

## Certifications

- Certified Software Development Professional, 2001-2020
  - Issued by: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

## Education

- J.D., University of Montana
- Ph.D., Computer Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- M.S., Computer Science, Montana State University
- B.S., Computer Science, Montana State University

## Memberships

- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- American Bar Association
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

## Recognition

- [Outstanding Faculty Award](#), National Business Institute (NBI), 2023
- UPE Outstanding Computer Science Faculty, East Tennessee State University
- [Excellence for the Future Award in Trademark Law](#), CALI, Spring 2012
- Outstanding Intellectual Property Law Student
- Foundation Research Award, East Tennessee State University
- Outstanding Research Contributions Award, NASA Ames Fellowship Program

## Presentations

- **Business Transactions: Structures, Contract Provisions, Checklists, & More**  
National Business Institute (NBI); April 4, 2024
- **Handling the Purchase of a Business: The Complete Checklist Guide**  
National Business Institute (NBI); March 8, 2024
- **Negotiating Sale of Equity to Outside Investors**  
National Business Institute (NBI), CLE Webinar; August 30, 2023

## Publications

- **Grasping at e-Discovery: Why Technology Assisted Review is a Must for Data-Intensive Cases**  
*Tennessee Bar Journal*, June 2016
- **Rolling Collections: Apples and More Apples? Or, Apples and Oranges?**  
*Law Technology News*; February 2016 & March 2016.
- **Sleep With a Smile - Avoid E-discovery Nightmares**  
*Montana Lawyer*, March 2016

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- **Managing a Data Intensive Case: How to find a needle without drowning in a haystack**  
Montana Lawyer, August 2015

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- **Document Review - Is your glass half full?**  
Law Technology News, August 2015
- **The Next Generation of E-Discovery Tools**  
Arkfeld - Arizona State University E-Discovery Conference;  
March 12-14, 2014
- **Predictive Coding is so Yesterday**  
Law Technology News; February 17, 2024
- **Provisional Patent for Content Categorization System**  
November 2013
- **Trademark for Agile Legal Technology**  
August 2013
- **Cloud Computing in Higher Education: Legal Issues Under the Stored Communications Act and the Fourth Amendment**  
*University of Washington Law Review*, September 2012
- **It can't get more real: using multiple teams to develop multiple software products for multiple customers**  
21st Conference on Software Engineering Education and Training (CSEET); Charleston, SC; April 15, 2008
- **Verification and Validation in Model-Driven Development**  
20th Annual Systems & Software Technology Conference;  
Las Vegas, NV; May 2008
- **Management: A Real-World Guide to Success**  
Addison Wesley, May 2003
- **Test case selection for simulations in the maintenance of real-time systems**  
*Journal of Software Maintenance*, 2000
- **Quantitative Assessment and Improvement of Corrective and Perfective Maintenance**  
*Journal of Software Maintenance*, October 1997
- **Implementing a Measurement-Based Software Maintenance Process**  
*Journal of Software Maintenance*, February 1996

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## In the Press

### Hall Booth Smith Names Seven New Partners

January 20, 2023

ATLANTA, GEORGIA –  
JANUARY 20, 2023 – Hall  
Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has  
named seven new partners as  
the firm elevates leaders and  
recognizes their outstanding  
service to clients. Joining the  
firm's partnership ranks are  
Sandro Stojanovic in Atlanta,  
Christopher Watkins in  
Alpharetta, Drew Brooks in  
Columbus, Rene Stuhr Dukes  
in Charleston, Ashley Fromm  
in

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### Hall Booth Smith Expands Montana Office with Addition of

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## Two Attorneys

August 10, 2022

MISSOULA, MT – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has added two attorneys to its Missoula office as the firm expands to serve its clients in the state of Montana. Joel Henry is Of Counsel in our Missoula office. Joel brings to HBS a unique ability to integrate IP, technology, corporate and transactional, and securities law

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