

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

John E. Hall, Jr. is one of the founding partners of Hall Booth Smith, and he is dedicated to making it the finest litigation firm in the Southeast.

John specializes in the defense of high exposure cases, including medical malpractice, batch claims, construction, commercial litigation, mass torts, transportation, and products liability. During his legal career, he has tried more than 125 cases to resolution.

His expertise in high exposure birth trauma and catastrophic cases resulted in his being named National Counsel for several major insurance carriers. This National Counsel program establishes a litigation approach, which enables a team of specialized attorneys to become involved and assist local counsel on high exposure cases at all phases of the legal process. John also serves on the HBS National Trial Counsel team and provides his experience in security, transportation, products liability, and general liability.

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John also maintains a robust corporate practice in International, International Trade and Finance, Arbitration/Mediation, Business

## Services

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Structures, Health Care, and Commercial Litigation.

John is a former member of the Board of Directors of the USLAW Network, a premier organization of independent law firms with offices throughout the United States that provides high quality legal services without unnecessary expense to clients.

He is actively involved in a number of professional organizations and is often invited to speak at industry gatherings and continuing legal education programs. In addition, he is closely involved in developing and providing educational materials to clients.

John serves as an Honorary Consul to the Country of Georgia and is Chairman of the Atlanta-Tbilisi Sister City Committee where he actively engages in developing international relationships between the state of Georgia and the country of Georgia.

## Experience

### Aging Services

John Hall represents long-term care and senior housing facilities including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and sub-acute facilities in all phases of litigation. John also maintains a regulatory practice and advises providers of long-term care and skilled nursing services on compliance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. His knowledge and experience in the industry also allows him to assist facilities in the handling of internal incident investigations.

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### Appellate

John Hall's practice includes arguing complex defense liability cases to Courts of last resort in multiple jurisdictions. He has successfully appeared many times before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Georgia and formulates all arguments with the goal of termination of proceedings in favor of the firm's clients. As a gifted orator, he has often been selected to take a case from

[Medical Malpractice](#)

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## Strategic Teams

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trial through final appeal.

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## Business Litigation

John Hall and HBS' Business Litigation service area handle nearly every aspect of corporate law from formation and mergers to dissolution. With his background in litigation, John brings an "end in mind" philosophy to the corporate practice that emphasizes the real life effects of every transaction creating solutions for his clients.

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## Business Transactions

John Hall and HBS' Business Transactions service area handle mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and reorganizations. John has a broad range of transactional experience including business acquisitions and financing. He works with businesses and enterprises on formation, structure, and financing.

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## Construction

John has been actively involved in handling complex construction claims and providing legal representation of owners, builders, contractors, subcontractors, and insurers statewide. He is experienced in the litigation and alternate dispute resolution of property damage, permit and code enforcement, and alleged design and construction error matters.

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## Coronavirus

John Hall is a member of the Coronavirus Strategic Team, which is a dedicated team of experienced attorneys that help businesses, governments, schools, and individuals develop best practices for closures, re-openings, and other complex legal and operational

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issues that arise during the unprecedented global pandemic. Our team includes attorneys who specialize in medical malpractice, aging services, liability, employment, insurance, regulatory matters, and other areas most impacted by the novel coronavirus.

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## Data Privacy & Cybersecurity

John Hall has been actively involved with handling data privacy and security claims in which he helped companies devise both preventative and reactive security breach plans. John has an extensive litigation background giving him a unique position to conduct breach investigations and limit potential security threats.

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## Environmental, Mass Torts, & Land Use

John Hall has represented clients in toxic tort / products liability claims, complex chemical issues (including wood preserving operations and dry cleaning operations), large toxic mold cases, asbestos-related claims, and environmentally related claims.

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## Health Care

John represents hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care entities in administrative and civil matters. John also consults with hospital risk managers, their administrative teams, and internal hospital committees on a variety of legal issues including but not limited to:

- Medical Records Documentation
- Informed Consent
- General Consent
- Hospital Ethics Committee Issues
- Mental Health Commitment
- Guardianship
- EMTALA
- Risk Prevention

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- Peer-Review
  - Credentialing
  - Medical Staff Issues
  - Regulatory Issues
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## Insurance Coverage

John Hall regularly counsels several major insurers on complex coverage and bad faith matters. He draws on over 30 years of experience interpreting insurance coverage and litigates coverage and bad faith cases in both state and federal courts.

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## Intellectual Property / Entertainment

John Hall's intellectual property experience ranges from patent litigation to false advertising claims and technology claims. The practice grew from early defense of infringement cases. His experience in litigating such matters has evolved into a business advisory practice also.

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## International Business

John and the HBS International Business practice focus on foreign clients — with an emphasis on Germany and other European countries — doing business in the United States on all legal issues they may face. The work primarily includes corporate, contract, employment, and immigration matters as well as both litigation and product liability issues.

Services range from helping clients form a new company in the U.S. to giving continuous legal support and advice as the business is manufacturing, marketing, and selling its products and/or services in the U.S. The work also includes estate matters involving foreign individuals or another country. Successful international practice requires the ability to understand how corporations can be successful regardless of corporate

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headquarter location, to appreciate the structure and dynamics of different legal systems and the practical consequences these differences make for clients, and to be willing to make the effort to assist clients who come from different cultures and life experiences as they expand their business ventures globally. John leads a team at HBS that can accomplish those goals.

John Hall is involved in several organizations with an international reach. He was instrumental in establishing the relationship between USLAW Network and the Trans European Law Firms Alliance (TELFA), which is an international alliance of independent law firms established in 1989 with more than 700 lawyers throughout Europe.

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## International Trade

John Hall's practice involves a variety of international and US business areas. He currently serves as Honorary Consul for the country of Georgia. He is also involved in several organizations with an international reach. He was instrumental in establishing the relationship between US Law Network and the Trans European Law Firms Alliance (TELFA), which is an international alliance of independent law firms established in 1989 with more than 700 lawyers throughout Europe. He continues to be involved in the US Law effort to extend its international partners.

His areas of interest include transnational corporate ventures, including the creation of U.S. entities for foreign business and his work on facilitating US companies doing business abroad. He facilitates in areas of franchising, trade, acquisition, and the necessary contractual relationships to accomplish the same. He is able to bring the firm resources to the area in employment agreements, buy and sale agreements, mergers, and acquisitions.

Successful international practice requires the ability to understand how the law differs from country to country, to appreciate the structure and dynamics of different legal systems and the practical consequences these differences make for clients, and to be willing to make the effort to understand the perspectives and thought processes of clients, co-counsel, and even adversaries who come from different cultures and life experiences. John leads a team at

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## Medical Malpractice

For over 25 years, John Hall worked with a vision to establish himself as one of the top litigators in the health care field. He represents hospital entities and health care systems directly in Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Alabama. John also represents hospital entities and health care systems throughout the Southeastern United States for various insurance carriers as part of National Counsel programs. He handles matters involving birth trauma injuries and other high exposure catastrophic injury cases on a regular basis.

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## Products Liability

From commercial products to advanced medical equipment, John has defended a wide spectrum of manufacturers in products liability actions including trying cases involving pharmaceutical and medical equipment manufacturing.

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## Professional Malpractice & Ethics

John's practice includes the representation of attorneys in legal malpractice claims. His broad base of experience in underlying issues makes him especially suited for the defense of lawyers. Additionally, he represents professionals sued for negligence, fraud, and fiduciary breaches in nearly every other area of professional practice though D&O claims in a variety of corporate environments including health care organizations. He has done professional defense for architecture, engineers, insurance brokers, and accountants.

## Credentials

### Admitted

#### State Courts:

- Georgia, 1984
  - Court of Appeals, Supreme Court
- Tennessee, 2003
- Alabama, 2013
- North Carolina, 2016
- New Jersey, 2019
- Ohio, 2020
- Colorado, 2021
- Michigan, 2021
- Oklahoma, 2021
- Pennsylvania, 2021
- Montana, 2021
- Arkansas, 2022

#### More +

#### U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

#### U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

#### United States Supreme Court

## Education

- J.D., Mercer University, 1984
- B.A., Mercer University, 1981

## Memberships

- Alabama Society for Healthcare Risk Management
- Alabama State Bar
- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Claims Association

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- Birmingham Bar Association
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Cobb County Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Council on Litigation Management
- DRI
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Georgia Hospital Association
- Georgia Society for Healthcare Risk Management
- Gwinnett Bar Association
- Insurance Professionals of Atlanta
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- North Carolina State Bar
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA)
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- RIMS - Risk Management Society

## Recognition

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™](#), Martindale-Hubbell
- [Georgia Super Lawyer](#), Super Lawyers®, 2005-2024
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Best Lawyers®, 2009-2024
  - Awarded in: Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Health Care, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

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- Most Influential Persons in Georgia; James Magazine; 2012, 2015-2016, 2020-2021, 2023

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- Legal Elite; Georgia Trend Magazine; 2010, 2018
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Most Influential and Politically-Connected Attorneys, James Magazine, 2017
- Lawyer of the Year in the Practice Area of Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants in Atlanta, The Best Lawyers in America®, 2017
- Top Attorneys in Georgia, Atlanta Magazine, March 2015
- Top Rated Lawyer in Healthcare Law, American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel Magazine, 2013
- Top 1% Most Viewed LinkedIn Profiles, 2012
- Best Lawyers, U.S. News & World Report, 2010

## Presentations

- **Sexual Abuse & Molestation Liability Coverage, Losses, and Defense**  
Crittenden Medical Liability Conference; April 13, 2023
- **Effect of Litigation Trends on Captives and Others**  
Cayman Captive Forum, November 2022
- **Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation and Negotiations**  
NCMIC Biennial Seminar, October 2021
- **Future of Med Mal: A Rise in Frequency & Severity and How to Combat It**  
DRI Medical Liability Health Care Law Seminar, July 2021

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- **Rewriting the Rules - Changing our Mindset to Win Malpractice Cases**  
Crittenden Medical Insurance Conference, April 2021
- **Preventing and Defending Against the COVID Risk to Come**  
FSHRMPS, May 2020, Webinar

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- **Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
4th Annual Defense Counsel Seminar for Banner Health, January 2020, Phoenix, AZ
- **Mega Verdicts and Solutions for High Exposure Cases**  
Cayman Captive Forum, December 2019, Grand Cayman Islands
- **The Opioid Epidemic**  
SVMIC Podcast, September 2019
- **Medical Malpractice Claims: Frequency, Severity, and Trends**  
TMLT Board Retreat, August 2019, Quebec, Canada
- **Medical Malpractice Claims: Frequency, Severity, Trends and Negotiations**  
MedStar Defense Counsel Retreat, July 2019, Columbia, MD
- **State of the Union in the Obstetric Malpractice Claims**  
ACI Obstetric Malpractice Claims Conference, June 2019, Philadelphia, PA
- **The Changing Faces of Claims**  
MPL Association Conference, May 2019, Portland, OR
- **30(b)(6) deposition and Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
Atrium Health In-House Conference, May 2019, Charlotte, NC
- **What Do Specialty Counsel and Complex Claims Bring to the Table?**  
AIG Specialty Claims and Counsel Seminar, May 2019, New York, NY
- **Advanced Negotiation Skills**  
HCA In-House Training, February 2019, Nashville, TN
- **Real World Defense Strategy**  
35th Annual Conference OB/GYN, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology and the Law, January 2019, Bahamas
- **Opioids and Other Trends: What Frontiers Are To Come?**  
Ascension In-House Claims Meeting, December 2018, St. Louis, MO
- **Opioid Panel Discussion**  
SHCRM-NJ Semi-Annual Education and Networking Seminar, November 2018, New Jersey
- **Opioids and Other Trends: What Frontiers are to Come?**  
TDC Claims Summit, October 2018, East Lansing, MI

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- **Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
Coverys' 2018 Claims Conference, September 2018, Boston, MA
- **Fighting the Reptile & Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
CapSpecialty, August 2018, WI
- **All You Didn't Want to Know but Should About Being Sued**  
Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and Georgia Section ACOG, August 2018, Sea Island, GA
- **Anchoring Value and Defending Damage: Settlement and Trials**  
Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management & Patient Safety Annual Meeting (FSHRMPS), August 2018, Tampa, FL
- **Opioids: What Frontiers Are to Come?**  
SVMIC Board Retreat, June 2018, Brentwood, TN
- **Anchoring Value and Defending Damage: Settlement and Trials**  
Ironshore Insurance Services, LLC, June 2018, NY
- **Current Trending Issues and Best Practices in Medical Malpractice Cases**  
April 2018, Atlanta, GA
- **Taking Back Control of Litigation**  
RSUI Annual Claims Seminar, April 2018, Hollywood, FL
- **How to Decide When You Try or Settle Your Case: Anchoring Value and Defending Damage**  
The Crittenden Medical Insurance Conference, April 2018, San Diego, CA
- **A Comprehensive Guide for Defending Opioid Claims**  
Hall Booth Smith, March 2018
- **Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
Mercy Healthcare Litigation Attorney Conference, December 2017, Chesterfield, MO
- **Tips on Negotiating**  
Ascension Risk Services, December 2017, St. Louis, MO
- **Is New Always Better? Recent Developments in Obstetric Malpractice Litigation**  
Gwinnett Hospital's Department of OB/GYN, November 2017, Atlanta, GA
- **Emerging Legal Trends in Medical Liability**  
13th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit,

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September 2017, Uncasville, CT

- **The Anatomy of a Trial: Successful Outcomes When the Odds are Against Your Clients**  
ALF Litigation Seminar, 2017, Atlanta, GA
- **Georgia's Business Relations, Policies, Incentives and Litigation Issues**  
Atlanta Chinese Entrepreneur Club, August 2017
- **Defining Medical Care Needs in Third-Party Severity Bodily Injury Claims**  
RSUI Annual Claims Seminar, April 2017, Atlanta, GA
- **Defining Medical Care Needs in Third-Party Severity Bodily Injury Claims**  
ALASHRM Education Day, April 2017, Montgomery, AL
- **Damages Role in a Lawsuit**  
ALPS Property & Casualty Insurance Company, April 2017, Missoula, MT
- **Current Trends in Healthcare Liability: A Baker's Dozen, Plus One**  
The Bermuda Healthcare Forum, March 2017, Bermuda
- **Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance's Healthcare Underwriting Meeting, January 2017, Atlanta, GA
- **Defending Damages Defining Medical Care Needs in Third Party Severity Bodily Injury Claims**  
Ascension Risk Services, November 2016, Virtual
- **Defending Damages in All Exposure Cases**  
USLAW Fall 2016 Client Conference, September 2016, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **Emerging Legal Trends: Employees and Social Media in Healthcare**  
12th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit, September 2016, Uncasville, CT
- **Catastrophic Claims**  
HBS Seminar in the South, August 2016, Tifton, GA
- **Has the Reptile Lost Its Venom?**  
LTC Risk Legal Forum, August 2016, Chicago, IL
- **Tips on Negotiating**  
Ascension Risk Services, December 2017, St. Louis, MO
- **Is New Always Better? Recent Developments in Obstetric Malpractice Litigation**  
Gwinnett Hospital's Department of OB/GYN, November 2017,

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Atlanta, GA

- **Emerging Legal Trends in Medical Liability**  
13th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit,  
September 2017, Uncasville, CT
- **The Anatomy of a Trial: Successful Outcomes When the Odds are Against Your Clients**  
ALF Litigation Seminar, September 2017, Atlanta, GA
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Atlanta Chinese Entrepreneur Club, August 2017
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RSUI Annual Claims Seminar, April 2017, Atlanta, GA
- **Defining Medical Care Needs in Third-Party Severity Bodily Injury Claims**  
ALASHRM 2017 Education Day, April 2017, Montgomery, AL
- **Damages Role in a Lawsuit**  
ALPS Property & Casualty Insurance Company, April 2017,  
Missoula, MT
- **Current Trends in Healthcare Liability: A Baker's Dozen, Plus One**  
The Bermuda Healthcare Forum, March 2017, Bermuda
- **Taking Back Control of Healthcare Litigation**  
Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance's Healthcare Underwriting Meeting in Atlanta, January 2017
- **Defending Damages Defining Medical Care Needs in Third Party Severity Bodily Injury Claims**  
Ascension Risk Services online webinar, November 2016
- **Defending Damages in All Exposure Cases**  
USLAW Fall 2016 Client Conference in Colorado Springs,  
Colorado, September 2016
- **Emerging Legal Trends: Employees and Social Media in Healthcare**  
12th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit in  
Uncasville, Connecticut, September 2016
- **Catastrophic Claims**  
HBS Seminar in the South in Tifton, Georgia, August 2016
- **Has the Reptile Lost Its Venom?**  
LTC Risk Legal Forum in Chicago, August 2016
- **Damages and Life Care Plans**  
ACI's 15th Annual Advanced Forum on Obstetric Malpractice

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Claims in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2016

- **Counsel's 'Baffle' Against the Surge of Inflated Damages**

ATA Litigation Center's Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsel in Bellevue, Washington, June 2016

- **Reptile Theory**

New York Medical Defense Bar Association in New York City, June 2016

- **Spoliation Analysis Following Recent Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**

USLAW Magazine, Spring/Summer 2016

- **Defining Damages: Defining Medical Care Needs in Third Party Severity Bodily Injury Claims**

OneBeacon Insurance Group Annual Healthcare Meeting in Farmington, Connecticut, June 2016

- **Social Media's Impact on Professional Liability Claims**

Professional Liability Underwriting Society Midwest Chapter Workshop in Chicago, May 2016

- **An Insurer's Duty to Settle: The Law in Georgia**

GAHA 2016 Health Care Law Update and Annual Meeting in Atlanta, John Hall presented on Case Law Updates, May 2016

- **Damages and Life Care Plans**

ACI's 15th Annual Advanced Forum on Obstetric Malpractice Claims in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2016

- **Counsel's 'Baffle' Against the Surge of Inflated Damages**

ATA Litigation Center's Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsel in Bellevue, Washington, June 2016

- **Reptile Theory**

New York Medical Defense Bar Association in New York City, June 2016

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OneBeacon Insurance Group Annual Healthcare Meeting in Farmington, Connecticut, June 2016

- **Social Media's Impact on Professional Liability Claims**

Professional Liability Underwriting Society Midwest Chapter Workshop in Chicago, May 2016

- **GAHA 2016 Health Care Law Update and Annual Meeting**

John Hall presented on Case Law Updates, May 6, 2016,

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Atlanta, GA.

- **What is Expected of You as an Expert Witness**  
23rd Annual First Coast Infectious Disease/Clinical Microbiology Symposium in St. Augustine, Florida, January 2016
- **Presentation on Reptile, Damages Defenses, Endoscopic Sterilization claims**  
LifePoint Health Risk Management and Claims In-House Seminar, Brentwood, Tennessee, January 2016
- **Defining Medical Damages: Changing the Landscape of Damages Analysis**  
AIG Healthcare Seminar in New York City, December 2015
- **Recognizing and Combatting the Reptile Attack**  
PIAA Claims and Risk Management / Patient Safety Workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2015
- **Obstetrics Medical Malpractice Claims: Analysis of Closed Litigation Claim Study**  
Gwinnett Medical Center's Department of OB/GYN Conference in Lawrenceville, Georgia, November 2015
- **How to Use the ACA as Part of Your Legal Defense in Future Damage Matters**  
American Conference Forum on Medical Liability Claims, Coverage & Risk Management in New York City, October 2015
- **Should we be Taking More Cases to Trial?**  
USLAW Fall 2015 Client Conference in Boston, September 2015
- **The Reptile Theory: Implementing Effective Litigation Strategies Between Client and Counsel to Counter Reptilian Tactics**  
American Conference Institute's 14th Annual Advanced Forum on Obstetric Malpractice Claims in Philadelphia, June 2015
- **How to Identify and Defeat Plaintiff's Use of the Reptile Theory**  
Keynote Speaker at LT Risk Legal Forum in Las Vegas, March 2015
- **Status of Tort Reform and Spoliation**  
Presented to the Georgia Hospital Association In-House Counsel Association Meeting in Atlanta, February 2015
- **Trial and Jury Strategy: Harnessing the Power of**

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## **Social Media to your Advantage When Gearing Up For an Obstetric Malpractice Trial**

American Conference Institute's 13th Annual Advanced Forum on Obstetric Malpractice Claims in Philadelphia, June 2014

- **A Fearless Response to the Reptile Theory; How to Get Back to Law and Facts**

USLAW Professional Liability Exchange in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 2014

- **The Reptile Strategy and Defending High Damages Cases**

Endurance Insurance Healthcare Symposium in New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2014

- **Reptile - A Manual for the Plaintiffs' Revolution**

DRI Products Liability Seminar in Phoenix, April 2014

- **Defining Damages for Medical Expenses in the Age of the Affordable Care Act**

AIG Seminar in New York City, December 2013

- **Presentation on medical and legal issues to the medical faculty**

University of Alabama Hospital's 2013 Grand Rounds in Birmingham, Alabama, October 2013

- **Current Case Studies Involving Telemedicine; Specifically, Successful Defense of Cases Involving Teleradiology**

CHS Annual Risk Management Seminar in Charlotte, North Carolina, September 2013

- **Countering Plaintiff's Techniques in Catastrophic Cases and Allowing the Jury to Find for You**

9th Annual Medical Liability Insurance ExecuSummit in Uncasville, Connecticut, September 2013

- **Assessing the Monetary Value of a Case, Determining Damages, and Making the Decision to Settle**

American Conference Institute's 12th Annual Advanced Forum on Obstetric Malpractice Claims in Philadelphia, June 2013

- **The State of Obstetric Malpractice: Litigation Trends, Insurance Developments, New Theories of Liability, Emerging Defense Strategies, Evolving Standards of Care, and More**

American Conference Institute's 12th Annual Advanced

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Forum on Obstetric Malpractice Claims in Philadelphia, June 2013

- **Reptile: The 2009 Manual of the Plaintiff's Revolution Open Discussion**

Mednax National Medical Group Defense Counsel Panel Meeting in Miami, May 2013

- **Handling and Defending Your Worst Exposure Case Successfully**

Crittenden Medical Insurance Conference in Boston, April 2013

- **A Volatile Mix: Liability Cases, Juror Misconduct, and Social Media**

ProAssurance Social Media Monitoring Seminar in Nashville, Tennessee, April 2013

- **Standard of Care and Reptile Theory**

AIG Internal Birth Trauma Seminar in Jersey City, New Jersey, March 2013

- **Defending High Risk and Catastrophic Neurosurgical Injuries**

Co-presented with Dr. Roberto Heros at the DRI Medical Liability Health Care Law Seminar in Tampa, Florida, March 21, 2013

- **Brain Injury Financial and Legal Decisions, Evaluation and Settlement of Cases, Insurance Coverage, and More**

American Conference Institute's 2nd Annual Summit for Med Mal and other Personal Injury Leaders on Brain Injury Claims and Litigation in Philadelphia, March 2013

- **Introduction to Legal Process in the United States, Effect of Dodd Frank and Solvency II, and Practical Experiences**

Presented to senior auditors from the China National Audit Office at HBS's office in Atlanta, February 2013

- **Understanding Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring And Related Legal Issues**

SVMIC in Nashville, Tennessee, June 2012

- **Sympathy in High Exposure Aging Services Cases: Lessons Learned from Recent Trials**

CNA HealthPro in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 2012

- **Enterprise Best Practices in the Cyber World**

RIMS Conference in Philadelphia, April 2012

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- **Insuring the Butterfly Effect in Brand Protection, Supply Chain Vulnerability and Contingent Business Interruption**  
USLAW Client Conference in Dana Point, California, April 2012
- **Presenter Closed Head Brain Injury: Creating The Right Strategy At The Outset To Prove Your Case And Establishing Alternative Causation Theories**  
American Conference Institute's Brain Injury Litigation Summit in Philadelphia, March 2012
- **Brain Injury Financial and Legal Decisions, Managing Claims, and Settlement Negotiations**  
American Conference Institute's Brain Injury Litigation Summit in Philadelphia, March 2012
- **Litigation Strategies**  
Presentation given at University of Alabama at Birmingham Professional Liability Trust Fund Retreat in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 2012
- **Apparent Agency In Healthcare: What Dangers Lurk Behind The White Jacket?**  
USLAW Network Client Conference in Chicago, September 2011
- **A Closer Look - Privilege Has Its Privilege**  
USLAW Cyber Risk Assessment Counsel Program in Chicago, September 2011
- **Moderator for USLAW Client Conference**  
Chicago, September 2011
- **Doing Business in Latin America**  
Presentation for USLAW Client Conference, Chicago, IL, September 22, 2011
- **Understanding Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring; Understanding Shoulder Dystocia**  
Firemans Fund Insurance in Chicago, September 2011
- **Understanding Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring; Understanding Shoulder Dystocia**  
CNA Insurance in Chicago, September 2011
- **Understanding the Effect of State and Local Jurisdictions and the Impact on Risk**  
USLAW Network, Inc, and Bowring Marsh (Bermuda), LTD. in Bermuda, September 2011
- **Top Ten Things We Hope Plaintiff's Attorney Will Do**

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American Conference Institute's 10th Annual Advanced Forum on Preventing, Managing and Defending Against Claims of Obstetric Malpractice in Philadelphia, July 2011

- **Assessing the Monetary Value of a Case and Mitigating Damages**

American Conference Institute's 10th Annual Advanced Forum on Preventing, Managing and Defending Against Claims of Obstetric Malpractice in Philadelphia, July 2011

- **Preventing, Managing and Defending Against Claims of Obstetric Malpractice**

Co-Chair and Opening Remarks for the American Conference Institute's 10th Annual Advanced Forum Philadelphia, July 2011

- **Effective National Representation**

Presentation in cooperation with USLAW Network, Lloyd's of London Underwriter Boot Camp in London, England, June 2011

- **Understanding Organizational Vision and How to Make it Brighter**

USLAW Spring 2011 Client Conference in Phoenix, March 2011

- **Understanding the Effect of State and Local Jurisdictions and the Effect Such has on Risk**

Presentation in cooperation with USLAW Network, Lloyd's of London Underwriter Boot Camp in London, England, February 2011

- **Georgia Tort Reform Act of 2005: Where We Have Been, Where We Are Now, and Where We Are Going**

The Georgia Society of Plastic Surgeons in Atlanta, December 2010

- **What Happens When The Floor Below Crumbles - A Review Of Insolvency Below On The Reinsurer**

IADC Regional Meeting in New York, December 2010

- **Hot Topics In Malpractice Litigation And Anatomy Of A Malpractice Lawsuit**

Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association in Atlanta, November 2010

- **A 21st Century Mock Trial**

ASHRM 2010 Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida, October 2010

- **Trends In Obstetrical Liability**

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Presentation for CNA, May 2010

- **Obstetrical Liability Issues**

Presentation for Chartis Insurance Company to Carolinas

Hospital Network in Charlotte, North Carolina, February 2010

## Publications

- **Reviewing MPL Considerations for Long-term Amputation Costs**

Inside Medical Liability, January 2022

- **Evidence**

Mercer Law Review, Annual Survey of Georgia Law, Fall 2021

- **Modern Litigation: The Effect and Discoverability of Third-Party Litigation Funding (Part 2 of 2)**

DRI - For The Defense, April 2021

- **Modern Litigation: The Effect and Discoverability of Third-Party Litigation Funding (Part 1 of 2)**

DRI - For The Defense, March 2021

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- **Sanctions Appeals: Fighting Against Weaponized Discovery**

Georgia Defense Lawyer, Winter 2021

- **Debunking Trial Fiction: Five Common Myths of Trials and Why We Should Not Be Afraid to Try Cases**

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- **Defending Malpractice in Amputation Cases**

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- **Spoliation Analysis Following Recent Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**

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- **Are We Afraid to Take Cases to Trial? Five Common Myths of Medical Malpractice Trials and Why more Cases Should be Tried**

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- **Mega-Verdicts on the Rise**

Inside Medical Liability Magazine, 2019 First Quarter

## In the Press

### HBS Partners Selected to 2024 Georgia Super Lawyers List

February 8, 2024

HBS is proud to announce  
that Atlanta Partners John E.  
Hall, Jr. and Rush S. Smith, Jr.  
along with Alpharetta Partner

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C. Michael Johnson have been recognized on the 2024 Georgia Super Lawyers list by Super Lawyers.

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## [55 Hall Booth Smith Lawyers Recognized as 2024 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients](#)

August 21, 2023

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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## [Daily Report: John E. Hall, Jr. on the Pace of Firm Mergers in the Southeast](#)

February 15, 2023

In a February 10 article in the

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Daily Report, Hall Booth Smith founding partner John E. Hall, Jr. is profiled among other leading law firm executives discussing the pace of mergers in the Southeast. I think it's inevitable just because of the scale to run a practice and the need for a broad footprint

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## **4 Georgia HBS Attorneys Honored in the 2023 Super Lawyers Magazine**

February 9, 2023

GEORGIA - February 9, 2023

- We are excited to congratulate John E. Hall, Jr., Rush S. Smith, Jr., C. Michael Johnson, and James B. Durham as they have been recognized for their outstanding legal service and selected to the 2023 Georgia Super Lawyers list once again. John E. Hall, Jr. John Hall was honored

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## **Daily Report:** **John E. Hall,** **Jr. on** **Recessionary** **Periods &** **Growth** **Opportunities**

December 28, 2022

In part one of a two-part article series published by the Daily Report, leaders of large and midsize firms in the Southeast were asked how they handle economic downturns and avoid austerity measures. John E. Hall, Jr., a founding partner of Hall Booth Smith, discussed how a recessionary period can still result in growth opportunities

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## **Daily Report:** **John E. Hall,** **Jr. on Georgia** **Judicial** **Hellholes Top** **Ranking**

December 19, 2022

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Following the American Tort Reform Foundation's release of its annual Judicial Hellholes report ranking states where it claims judges in civil cases systematically apply laws and court procedures in an unfair and unbalanced manner, Georgia took a top spot. The ranking came as no surprise to civil defense attorneys, Founding Partner John E. Hall Jr.

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## **Daily Report:** **John E. Hall,** **Jr. on How** **Your Firm Can** **Best Handle** **Its Retirement** **Policy**

October 25, 2022

Founding Partner John E. Hall, Jr. interviewed with the Daily Report for their two-part series on law firm retirement policy. The story follows a development where a well-known attorney decided to leave his firm on account of their retirement policy, which mandated individuals retire at 65. In response, Hall said his firm takes an individualist

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## **Daily Report:** **John E. Hall,** **Jr. Discusses** **Injury** **Attorneys &** **Potential for** **New** **Reproductive** **Health** **Practices**

October 4, 2022

Founding Partner John E. Hall Jr. interviewed with the Daily Report for their new two-part series about verdicts in injury cases involving fetal injuries. Coupled with a national push for “personhood” rights following the U.S. Supreme Court’s overturning of federal abortion rights, the article addresses concerns in the legal industry about whether juries are valuing

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## **Hall Booth** **Smith**

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## **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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## **Risk & Insurance: John E. Hall, Jr. on Role of Captives, Other Alternative Risk Vehicles in Litigation**

April 4, 2022

In a Risk & Insurance article about the latest litigation trends impacting professional firms, Founding Partner John Hall talks about the role of captives and other alternative risk vehicles: “In most areas,

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we are seeing an increase in limits purchased and higher self-retention or more reliance on private captives to cover the first layer of

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## [Inside Medical Malpractice Podcast: John E. Hall, Jr. on What Healthcare Professionals Should Know about Medical Malpractice](#)

March 16, 2022

Founding Partner John Hall spoke with Chris Rokosh of the Inside Medical Malpractice podcast about what healthcare professionals should know about medical malpractice, as well as how patients can take control of their health. On the episode, he counseled providers to focus on the business of providing care, saying, “What you’re doing is a great

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## **Modern Healthcare: John E. Hall, Jr. on California Medical Malpractice Damages Cap & Insurance Rate Impact**

March 1, 2022

A new ruling by a California Supreme Court upholding a lower court's decision to cap medical malpractice damages will not significantly impact provider's insurance rates, Founding Partner John E. Hall, Jr. said in an interview with Modern Healthcare. Around half of U.S. states have malpractice caps on either financial or noneconomic damages, ranging from \$250,000

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## **Risk & Insurance:**

## **John E. Hall, Jr. Discusses the Prevalence of Health Care Captives in the Cayman Islands**

February 25, 2022

In a Risk & Insurance article about the prevalence of health care captives in the Cayman Islands, Founding Partner John E. Hall, Jr. said the captives popularity can be attributed to a number of industry trends including increasing premiums, claims frequency, social inflation and nuclear jury verdicts. “The increasing severity and volume of claims and

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## **Hall Booth Attorneys Selected as Super Lawyers in the 2022 Georgia Super**

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## **Lawyers Magazine**

February 14, 2022

In the 2022 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again be recognized for its outstanding legal work as six of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers: John E. Hall, Jr., C. Michael Johnson, Thomas Mazziotti, Rush S. Smith, Jr. of the

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## **Daily Report: John E. Hall Jr. on HBS University & Talent Development Programs**

January 4, 2022

In a story about how law firms are using talent development programs to aid in attorney recruitment and retention, the Daily Report spoke with Partner John Hall about HBS University, a six-week educational program that

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offers new lawyers an introduction to a variety of topics in three one-hour sessions per week. “For me, when I

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## [\*\*Daily Report: John E. Hall, Jr. on the Significance of Midtown Atlanta’s Location for Law Firms\*\*](#)

December 15, 2021

In an article exploring Atlanta neighborhoods most popular for law firm office locations, John E. Hall, Jr., one of the firm’s founding partners, talks about the attraction for law firms to locate in the Hotel District, the location of the firm’s Atlanta office. In the interview, John says the firm chose to relocate their Atlanta

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## [\*\*Inside Medical\*\*](#)

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## **Malpractice** **Podcast: John** **Hall Talks** **about** **Physician** **Defense**

November 15, 2021

Founding Partner John E. Hall, Jr. was interviewed on the Inside Medical Malpractice podcast on November 13, 2021, in which he discussed how inflated malpractice verdicts could result in health care crisis and offers his solution for change. He also provides tips to health care providers to mitigate risk in post-COVID-19 litigation and addresses how

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## **Hall Booth** **Smith** **Attorneys** **Honored by** **The Best** **Lawyers In** **America®**

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## 2022

August 19, 2021

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## Jake Evans Joins Hall Booth Smith as Partner in Atlanta

June 28, 2021

ATLANTA - JUNE 28, 2021 - Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to welcome Jake Evans as a Partner to further deepen the firm's business litigation, and public policy and regulatory practice. Jake has a robust business litigation practice that focuses on disputes involving breach of contract and fiduciary duties, residential and commercial real estate,

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## **Risk & Insurance: John E. Hall, Jr. Discusses Liability Risk of COVID-19 Vaccines**

March 9, 2021

In an article published by Risk & Insurance, Founding Partner John E. Hall, Jr. is quoted discussing the liability risk associated with COVID-19 vaccines. As millions are vaccinated, health care professionals and hospitals face potential liability issues ranging from adverse reactions to mishandling dosage requirements. Exacerbating the situation is the variance in vaccine delivery method

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## **Six Hall Booth Attorneys Selected as Super Lawyers in the 2021**

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## Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine

February 16, 2021

In the 2021 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again be recognized for its outstanding legal work as eight of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers: John E. Hall, Jr., C. Michael Johnson, Thomas Mazziotti, Rush S. Smith, Jr. of the

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## Hall Booth Smith Creates Batch Claims & Class Action Task Force

September 23, 2020

ATLANTA – September 23, 2020 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. has created a Batch Claims & Class Action Task Force to help clients put up a more strategic and effective defense amid a rise in collective redress litigation. The Batch Claims & Class

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Action Task Force is led by  
highly experienced attorneys  
who bring both

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evaluations and peer reviews  
from attorneys in the same  
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## GAO Reports To Senate On

## **Pre-COVID-19** **Infection** **Control** **Deficiencies In** **Nursing** **Homes**

June 15, 2020

Written by: John E. Hall, Jr.,  
Esq. and Drew Graham, Esq.  
In spring 2020, Senator Ron  
Wyden (D-OR) asked the  
Government Accounting  
Office (“GAO”) to analyze the  
Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services’ (“CMS”) oversight of infection control in nursing homes. On May 20, 2020, GAO issued the first of several responsive reports, focusing on

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## **Governor** **Kemp Issues** **Executive** **Order** **Granting** **Temporary** **Legal**

## **Protections for Healthcare Providers During COVID-19 Pandemic**

April 16, 2020

Written by: John E. Hall, Jr.,  
Esq. and John G.  
Winkenwerder, Esq. Given the  
scale and intensity of the  
COVID-19 pandemic, it is not  
difficult to imagine the  
challenges healthcare  
providers face every day in  
working to treat those  
infected with the virus, while  
continuing to care for those  
with other medical conditions.  
In his

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## **HBS Attorneys Recognized as 2020 Georgia Super Lawyers**

February 17, 2020

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Georgia Super Lawyers  
magazine, the law firm of Hall  
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## **HBS Partners** **with** **Children's** **Rights** **Nonprofit by** **Providing Pro** **Bono Work,** **Office Space &** **Staff Support**

June 7, 2018

ATLANTA – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is partnering with Children's Rights, Inc., a nonprofit organization that has helped protect the legal rights of more than 100,000 children who have been abused or neglected. HBS will provide pro bono legal work, staff support and office space to the organization. Children's Rights does advocacy and legal work

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## Hall Booth Smith Commissions Painting for ‘Whale Done’ Program

June 4, 2018

ATLANTA – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. commissioned a painting to exemplify its Whale Done program that recognizes the above-and-beyond work that its people do to help clients and each other fulfill the firm’s motto “Serving to Achieve Excellence.” The Whale Done program emphasizes the importance of having a positive attitude and servant leadership by everyone at

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## Terry Sullivan Joins Hall Booth Smith, Reuniting Colleagues

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## With 38 Years of History

April 30, 2018

ATLANTA – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to welcome longtime medical malpractice attorney Terrance C. “Terry” Sullivan back to the firm, uniting colleagues with nearly four decades of professional history and friendship. Sullivan joins the Atlanta office as Of Counsel, marking a reunion for many of Hall Booth Smith’s longest-serving attorneys who worked with Sullivan

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August 21, 2017

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## **John Hall and John Sheftall**

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## **named** **“Lawyer of the** **Year” by Best** **Lawyers®** **2017**

September 7, 2016

Congratulations to  
Partners John E. Hall,  
Jr. and John M. Sheftall for  
their special recognition in  
the 2017 edition of The Best  
Lawyers in America® as a  
“Lawyer of the Year.” John  
Hall was named as a Best  
Lawyers® 2017 Atlanta, GA –  
Medical Malpractice–  
Defendants “Lawyer of the  
Year.” John Sheftall was  
named as a Best  
Lawyers® 2017 Columbus,  
GA Litigation – Trusts and

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## **HBS Attorneys** **Recognized in** **2016 Georgia** **Super Lawyers**

February 22, 2016

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magazine, the law firm of Hall  
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Lawyers: Alex H.

Booth, Phillip E. Friduss, John E. Hall, Jr., and Rush S. Smith, Jr. of the Atlanta office; James B. Durham and N.

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## **A look inside InsiderAdvantage/ James Magazine's "Influential Georgians" Event**

October 2, 2015

Atlanta's Commerce Club was the venue on the evening of September 29th for the InsiderAdvantage/James Magazine "2015 Influential Georgians" reception sponsored by the Atlanta law firm Hall Booth and Smith. Over 80 attendees- ranging from various state and local elected officials to prominent business, judicial and political leaders- were welcomed by InsiderAdvantage/James founder and chairman

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## **John E. Hall, Jr. named by James magazine as one of Georgia's 2015 Most**

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## **Influential People**

April 13, 2015

Congratulations to John E. Hall, Jr. on being named by James magazine as one of Georgia's 2015 most influential people. The list is a comprehensive collection of elected officials as well as major players from across the state. Mr. Hall was also honored with this nomination in 2012. According to Phil Kent, publisher of James magazine, "The list is selected by editors

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March 6, 2015

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## HBS Congratulates

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## Partners John Hall, Paul Justice, Jack Gresh and James Looper for recognitions as 2013 Top Rated Lawyers in Healthcare Law

September 20, 2013

We are excited to congratulate four HBS partners, John Hall, Paul Justice, Jack Gresh and James Looper, with receiving recognitions in The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel magazine's 2013 "Top Rated Lawyer in Healthcare Law" recognitions. As a leading provider of news and information to the legal industry, American Lawyer Media teamed with Martindale-Hubbell to highlight these nominated healthcare lawyers

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## John Hall and Bobby Shannon presented for senior auditors from the China National Audit Office

February 25, 2013

Introduction to Legal Process  
in the United States, Effect of  
Dodd Frank and Solvency II,  
and Practical Experiences,  
Presentation for senior  
auditors from the China  
National Audit Office, Hall  
Booth Smith, PC offices,  
Atlanta, GA, February 22,  
2013

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## HBS Hosts 7th Annual Pig Roast to Support Atlanta Community

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## **Food Bank**

February 1, 2013

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) hosted its 7th Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank on January 29th at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta. Over 700 guests, including many state and local leaders, gathered to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank as they enjoyed outstanding food, entertaining music, and excellent fellowship.

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## **5th Annual Taste of Georgia**

December 27, 2012

On December 8, 2012, the Fifth Annual Taste of Georgia fundraiser, organized by Hall Booth Smith, PC partner John Hall, an Honorary Consul to Georgia, and the Atlanta Tbilisi Sister City Committee (ATSCC), was held at the Atlanta City Hall. Taste of Georgia donates money and goods collected at this event to orphaned and underprivileged

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## **Best Lawyers** **Magazine** **Recognizes** **Nine HBS** **Attorneys as** **“Best Lawyers** **2012”**

May 10, 2012

Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Alex H. Booth, John E. Hall, Jr., Jack G. Slover, and Jonathan Marigliano, of the Atlanta office; Michael S. Meyer von Bremen of the Albany office; Terrell W. Benton, Jr. of the Athens office; Michael G. Frick of the Brunswick office; Anthony

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## **John Hall,** **Brad Carver,** **and Patrick** **Millsaps** **Recognized as**

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## **Most Influential**

April 19, 2012

The law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) is proud to announce that attorneys John Hall, Jr. and Brad Carver of the firm's Atlanta office and Patrick Millsaps of the Albany office are recognized in the Most Influential edition of James Magazine. John Hall, Jr. appears on the 2012 James's Most Influential list. The list honors the most influential

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## **Atlanta Magazine Names HBS Attorneys to the Super Lawyers List 2012**

February 22, 2012

The law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work. Alex H. Booth, John E. Hall, Jr., Jack G. Slover, and Rush S. Smith,

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Jr. of the Atlanta office and Anthony A. Rowell of the Tifton office were recently named to the list of Georgia's "Super Lawyers 2012"

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## **John E Hall, Jr., Received Defense Verdict**

February 10, 2012

John E. Hall, Jr., along with his law partner, Beth W. Kanik, received a defense verdict in a case in Fulton County, GA. Mr. Hall represented a gynecologic oncologist and his practice group accused of negligently ordering chemotherapy on a patient with a suspected molar (abnormal/cancerous) pregnancy. Two defendant physicians previously settled out of the

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## **HBS Supports Atlanta Community**

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## **Food Bank with 6th Annual Pig Roast**

January 27, 2012

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) hosted its 6th Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The event was held on January 24th at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta. Over 600 distinguished guests gathered to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank while enjoying outstanding food and excellent fellowship. The Pig Roast, first

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## **John Hall and James Looper Defense verdict in the Daily Report**

October 27, 2011

John Hall along with partner James Looper recently received a Defense verdict in a Medical Malpractice case pending in Murfreesboro, TN.

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## **John Hall Received Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Case**

October 13, 2011

John E Hall, Jr., Received Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Case October 4, 2011 John E. Hall, Jr., along with his partner, Jamas Looper received a defense verdict in a case pending in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Mr. Hall represented two physicians and their group who were accused of alleged failure to diagnose appendicitis in a 30

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## **John Hall was a panel participant for the 2011**

## **USLAW Fall Conference in Chicago**

October 3, 2011

John Hall was a panel participant for the 2011 USLAW Fall Conference in Chicago 9/24. Apparent Agency in Healthcare: What Dangers Lurk Behind The White Jacket and Cyber Risk Assessment Counsel Program: A Closer Look – Privilege Has Its Privilege

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## **John Hall Presented Doing Business in Latin America - USLAW, Chicago, IL**

September 27, 2011

John Hall presented “Doing Business in Latin America” for USLAW Client Conference in Chicago, IL on September 22, 2011.

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## John Hall presented Understanding Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring; Understanding Shoulder Dystocia, for CNA Insurance in Chicago, IL 9/21

September 26, 2011

John Hall presented  
“Understanding Fetal Heart  
Rate Monitoring;  
Understanding Shoulder  
Dystocia” for CNA Insurance  
in Chicago, IL, September 21,  
2011.

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## John Hall presents at USLAW Network Event

September 15, 2011

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John Hall presented  
“Understanding the Effect of  
State and Local Jurisdictions  
and the Impact on Risk,”  
which was hosted  
by USLAW Network, Inc., and  
Bowring Marsh (Bermuda),  
LTD. at the Fairmont  
Hamilton Princess Bermuda  
Resort on September 12 and  
13, 2011.

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## **Patrick Millsaps addition to HBS mentioned in Daily Report**

September 14, 2011

Hall Booth Smith has added  
Camilla lawyer Patrick N.  
Millsaps as a partner.  
(excerpt from the Daily  
Report written by: Meredith  
Hobbs) Founding partner John  
E. Hall Jr. said Millsaps’  
addition with the acquisition  
of The Millsaps Law Firm is  
part of Hall Booth’s statewide  
expansion strategy. Besides  
its Atlanta headquarters, the  
100-lawyer firm has

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## **John Hall's recent defense verdict mentioned in Daily Report**

September 14, 2011

Alabama jury sides with  
Georgia lawyer in birth injury  
case (The Daily  
Report written by: Greg Land)  
Following an eight-day trial,  
an Alabama jury found no  
liability on the part of a  
hospital and its obstetrical  
nurses for birth-related  
injuries that left a baby with  
permanent brain damage,  
turning aside plaintiffs'  
assertions that hospital  
staffers had

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## **John Hall received Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Case**

August 29, 2011

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August 2011 – Highdon v. Baptist Health System John E Hall, Jr., Received Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Case August 15, 2011 John E. Hall, Jr., along with his partner, Jack G. Gresh, and local counsel Clark Carpenter, received a defense verdict in a case pending in Northern Alabama. Mr. Hall represented a hospital system and

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## **John Hall** **speaks at** **ACI's Forum**

August 3, 2011

On July 27 and 28, 2011, John Hall spoke at the ACI's 10th Annual Advanced Forum on Preventing, Managing and Defending Against Claims of Obstetric Malpractice. The forum was held in Philadelphia, PA.

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## **John E. Hall,** **Jr.,** **Interviewed**

## **Regarding the New Tbilisi Office**

February 15, 2011

Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has announced the opening of its office in Tbilisi, Georgia, last week. Partnering with the Eristavi Law Group, HBS will be the first U.S. law firm in the country of Georgia. HBS's primary focus of practice will be in International Funding and Financing, International Arbitration and Mediation, Health Care Law, and

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## **HBS's New Office Opening In Tbilisi- Georgia Today**

February 14, 2011

Hall Booth Smith (HBS), a full-service law firm headquartered in Atlanta, GA, has announced the opening of its office in Tbilisi, Georgia. Partnering with the Eristavi Law Group, HBS will be the first U.S. law firm in Georgia.

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## USLAW NETWORK Chair John E. Hall, Jr. involved in USLAW NETWORK's Executive Education Event for Lloyd's Underwriters and Business Leaders

February 11, 2011

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (February 2, 2011) - On February 9, 2011, USLAW NETWORK will host an executive level educational event exclusively for Lloyd's of London Underwriters and Lloyd's business leaders at Lloyd's headquarters in London. This unique first time

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event will include 35 USLAW  
Member Attorneys  
representing 23 Member  
Firms and 28 States  
presenting on

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## **HBS attorneys make Georgia Trend's 8th annual listing of Georgia's top attorneys**

December 7, 2010

Georgia Trend has officially announced their 8th annual list of Georgia's top attorneys which includes seven of our very own here at Hall Booth Smith. Selected by their peers, the votes were compiled and categorized by nine practice areas: business law; personal injury litigation; criminal law; labor and employment; taxes; estates and trusts; bankruptcy and creditors'

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## **HBS attorneys**

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## **speaking at** **the 2010 Fall** **CME** **Conference**

October 28, 2010

On November 6, 2010, John E. Hall, Jr., Rush Smith, Ashley Purcell, Shaun Daugherty, and Don Benson will speak at the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association's 2010 Fall CME Conference. The panel discussion will be on "Common Medical Errors and How to Prevent Them." The conference will be at the Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place in Duluth, GA

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## **USLAW** **ELECTS JOHN** **HALL AS NEW** **CHAIR**

October 22, 2010

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (October 22, 2010) - USLAW NETWORK, an international organization of 65 independent member firms covering 48 states and

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Latin America with over 4,000 attorneys, announced that John E. Hall, Jr. of Hall Booth Smith, P.C. in Atlanta, Georgia, has been elected as the 2010-11 USLAW NETWORK Chair. Hall succeeds Michael R. Sistrunk of

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## [Lawyers go small, start new firms](#)

May 11, 2010

Recently, Hall Booth Smith was featured in an article written by Meredith Hobbs of the Fulton County Daily Report. John E. Hall, Jr. was interviewed for this article where he discusses business plans for the firm and the continued growth of HBS. To read this article in its entirety, please click here. For inquiries about this, or

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## [John Hall named Honorary](#)

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## Consul to the Country of Georgia

March 9, 2010

The Atlanta Business Chronicle has listed John E. Hall Jr. as the Honorary Consul to the Country of Georgia. Mr. Hall became actively involved with the country of Georgia in 2007 and currently chairs the Atlanta-Tbilisi Sister City Committee. As chair of the committee and Honorary Consul, Mr. Hall plans to offer help to Georgian citizens living in

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