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Biography

Joseph C. Stepina is an Associate in our Little Rock office where he focuses his practice on general liability, premises liability, products liability, and data privacy and cybersecurity matters.

Prior to joining HBS, Joseph externed with the Honorable Beth Deere, Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and practiced at a Little Rock defense firm.

Joseph earned a Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's William H. Bowen School of Law, where he was the Articles Editor for the *UA Little Rock Law Review*. He also holds a Master of Public Service from the University of Arkansas' Clinton School of Public Service. During his time at the Clinton School, he completed projects with an Arkansas middle school to broaden its public service curriculum and a service-learning organization in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to increase the access to service learning in Vietnamese higher education. In addition, Joseph holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas.

Services

Appellate

Data Privacy & Cybersecurity

General Liability

Premises Liability

Products Liability

Strategic Teams

eDiscovery

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Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Arkansas

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- M.P.S., University of Arkansas
- B.A.,Political Science, Hendrix College

Memberships

- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel, Young Lawyers Executive Committee
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Arkansas Mock Trial Foundation, National Mock Trial Competition Steering Committee
- Henry Woods Inn of Court

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Best Lawyers®; 2025 - 2026
    - Awarded in: Appellate Practice, Insurance Law, and Privacy and Data Security Law

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Publications

- **Ransomware Group Conti Faces Data Leak of Its Own**
  HBS Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Blog; March 16, 2022

In the Press

33 HBS Attorneys Named to 2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America

August 16, 2024

HBS is excited to announce that 33 lawyers have been included in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.

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Shopify and Leger Facing Second Class Action Over

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2020 Data Breach

April 19, 2022

Written by Joseph Stepina, Esq. Canadian e-commerce company, Shopify Inc., faces a new class action lawsuit over a 2020 data breach in which hackers were able to access personally identifiable information of over 270,000 individuals. Shopify contracted with Leger, who sells SAS cryptocurrency hardware wallets, to store its customers' personal information. In addition, the hackers

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March 21, 2022

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. – March 21, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is delighted to announce that Attorneys Todd Wooten, Tony A. DiCarlo, III and Joseph C. Stepina have joined the firm in the recently opened

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office in Little Rock, Arkansas. Todd Wooten joins the firm as Partner and he focuses his practice on aging

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