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Biography

Julia Kavanagh is a Partner in the Memphis office of Hall Booth Smith, practicing in professional negligence / medical malpractice, products liability, aging services, health care, employment law, and general liability.

She has over a decade of experience representing hospital systems, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, physicians, and other health care providers in both state and federal courts. Additionally, Julia handles products liability, employment law, premises liability, insurance defense, contract disputes, transportation litigation, and general civil litigation matters. Julia has also worked as in house counsel for a health care company.

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Julia received a Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 2009, graduating *summa cum laude*, and she was a member of the *University of Memphis Law Review*. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Knox College.

Julia is an active participant in the Memphis Bar Association where

Services

Aging Services

Dental

General Liability

Health Care

Labor & Employment

Medical Malpractice

Products Liability

Transportation

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she serves as Vice Chair of the CLE Committee, and she also served as a member of the Board of Directors for its Young Lawyers' Division. She is a Memphis Bar Association Leadership Forum graduate and a former Dress for Success Memphis Board Member. Julia has been named a Mid-South Rising Star by Super Lawyers® on multiple occasions since 2013.

A native of Boise, Idaho, Julia enjoys camping, hiking, running, and other outdoor activities. Julia is a former musician and enjoys listening to and seeing live music.

Experience

Aging Services

Julia has represented long term care facilities and assisted living facilities for nearly a decade in state and federal court.

General Liability

Julia also has significant experience in general liability, representing clients in automobile negligence, premises liability, and other personal injury matters.

Medical Malpractice

Julia has extensive experience in health care liability. She has represented a hospital system, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, physicians, and other health care providers in both state and federal courts. She has also represented health care practitioners before professional boards.

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Products Liability

Julia has experience defending manufacturers and retailers in products liability lawsuits, including cases involving tires and automotive products.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Mississippi, 2021
- Tennessee, 2009

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, University of Memphis, 2009
- B.A., History, Knox College, 2005

Memberships

- DRI
- Dress for Success Memphis: Board Member, 2012-2014
- Memphis Bar Association:
  - CLE Committee, Vice Chair, 2018
  - Young Lawyers' Division, Board of Directors, 2016-2017
- The Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court

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Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Best Lawyers®, 2022-2026
- Mid-South Rising Star, Super Lawyers®, 2013-2023
- Peer Reviewed, Martindale-Hubbell

Publications

- **Defending Medical Malpractice Claims, Anatomy of a Lawsuit**
  American Society of Neurophysiological Monitoring Fall Symposium, Baltimore, MD; September 2017
- **Medical Malpractice Update**
  MBA Bench Bar Conference, Destin, FL; May 2015
- **How to Win on Causation in Nursing Home and Medical Malpractice Litigation**
  Tennessee Bar Association, Nashville, TN; November 2011

In the Press

58 HBS Attorneys Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America® Award

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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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Four HBS Attorneys Included on 2020 Mid-

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South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

December 2, 2020

In the 2020 edition of the Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as four of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Partner David Proctor of the Birmingham office was recognized as a Mid-South Super Lawyer.

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HBS Attorneys Recognized In 2019 Mid-South Super Lawyers Magazine

November 27, 2019

In the 2019 edition of the Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding

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legal work as five of its attorneys are on the list of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Partner David Proctor of the Birmingham office was recognized as a Mid-South Super Lawyer.

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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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Julia Kavanagh Joins HBS's Memphis

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Office as Of Counsel

August 30, 2018

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to welcome Julia Kavanagh as Of Counsel as it expands its office in Memphis, Tennessee. Kavanagh’s practice is focused on professional negligence/medical malpractice, products liability, aging services, health care and general liability. For a decade, she has represented hospital systems, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, physicians and

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