

# HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.



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## Biography

Laura concentrates her practice in the health care industry, regularly representing providers including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and sub-acute facilities in all phases of litigation related to both general and professional liability claims.

She also maintains a regulatory practice, advising providers on regulatory compliance, assisting with internal investigations, self-reporting requirements, risk management, policy development, and legislative interpretation.

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Laura also assists local counsel, providers, and carriers with the evaluation and management of batch claims. She routinely assists with evaluation by identifying key factors and developing a matrix to produce a comprehensive assessment of liability, causation, and damages. Her goal is to streamline the evaluation process globally and as related to each individual claim. She assists with development of resolution strategies and provides structured support throughout the litigation process.

## Services

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## Strategic Teams

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As a member of the [Coronavirus](#) strategic team and [Aging Services](#) practice area, Laura assists providers as they navigate fast-changing regulatory and legislative guidance at the federal, state, and local level. She is also involved in the defense of providers facing liability claims arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

## Experience

### Aging Services

Laura has experience representing long-term care and senior housing facilities including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes in all phases of litigation.

Additionally, she maintains a regulatory practice, advising providers of long-term care and skilled nursing services on compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. She assists facilities with internal incident investigations, risk management, and policy development.

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### Government Affairs

Laura works with health care providers including long-term care providers with legislative matters including legislative interpretation and policy impact analysis.

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### Health Care

Laura represents hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care entities in administrative and civil matters. She also consults with healthcare providers on a variety of legal issues including but not limited to:

- Medical Records Documentation
- Informed Consent

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- General Consent
  - Hospital Ethics Committee Issues
  - Mental Health Commitment
  - Guardianship
  - Risk Prevention
  - Peer Review
  - Credentialing
  - Medical Staff Issues
  - Regulatory Issues
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## Medical Malpractice

Laura has defended hospitals, physicians, nurses, dentists, staffing agencies and other medical defendants in all phases of medical malpractice litigation involving alleged negligent care and treatment, negligent misdiagnosis, lack of consent, and wrongful death.

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## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia
  - Court of Appeals, Supreme Court

### Education

- J.D., Charleston School of Law
- B.A., Auburn University, 2009

## Memberships

- Auburn Alumni Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Georgia Bar Association

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- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Service Juris, Inc.
- The Junior League of Atlanta

## Recognition

- [\*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America\*](#), Best Lawyers®, 2022-2024
  - Awarded in: Elder Law, Health Care Law, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- [\*Georgia Rising Star\*](#), Super Lawyers®, 2023-2024
- Best Mentor Honoree, Daily Report's Georgia Legal Awards, 2022
- LTC Power Lawyers, Class of 2017

## Presentations

- **COVID Litigation in a Post-Pandemic World**  
Georgia Healthcare Association Summer Convention, June 2022
- **Issues with Causation and Damages in Nursing Home Cases**  
State Bar of Georgia Nursing Home Litigation Livestream, September 2020
- **Social Media: Impact on Liability Claims**  
HBS Women's Forum: Educate, Refresh, Relax; July 2018
- **Evolving Social Media Pitfalls and Management**

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## Strategies for Providers

American Society for Health Risk Management Annual  
Conference and Exhibition, October 2017

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- **Healthcare Employees and Social Media**  
Vizient MidSouth Legal Defense & Risk Management Forum,  
October 2016
- **Social Media Trends and their Impact on Liability**  
Insurance Professionals of Atlanta, September 2016
- **Former Employees**  
HBS Seminar in the South, August 2016
- **Disclosures: How Much is Too Much?**  
Georgia Health Care Association Bi-annual Convention, June  
2016

## Publications

- **Georgia Psychiatrist-Patient Privilege**  
HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; March 18, 2021
- **Federal Court Denies Remand and Grants Dismissal  
Based upon PREP Act**  
HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog; February 11, 2021
- **CMS Issues 'Holiday Leave Recommendations Letter'  
for Nursing Homes, Residents, Resident Family  
Members, and Staff**  
HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; November 25, 2020
- **New Developments in AI Technology Offer a Glimpse  
of the Future of Long Term Care: Balancing Resident  
Care with Safety in Light of Necessary Pandemic  
Precautions**  
HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; November 6, 2020

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- **CMS Issues 'Frequently Asked Questions' Document  
On Nursing Home Visitation**  
HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog; July 1, 2020

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## In the Press

### **HBS Attorneys Chosen to 2024 Georgia Rising Stars List**

[February 9, 2024](#)

HBS is excited to announce that four attorneys have been selected to the 2024 Georgia Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers.

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### **34 Hall Booth Smith Lawyers Named to 2024 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America**

[August 22, 2023](#)

Hall Booth Smith is pleased to announce that 34 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America. The award recognizes associates and other lawyers who are earlier in their careers for their outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. "The unparalleled methodology of Best

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### **10 HBS Attorneys Recognized as 2023 Super Lawyers® Georgia Rising Stars**

[February 9, 2023](#)

GEORGIA – February 9, 2023 – Once again, Hall Booth Smith has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as ten of its attorneys have been honored as Georgia Rising Stars® in the 2023 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers® magazine. Attorneys

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Jacquelyn Smith Clarke, Jake Evans, Joel McKie, Jacob Raehn, Paul Trainor, and Tiffany

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## **Hall Booth Smith Attorneys** **Recognized as 2023 Best** **Lawyers: Ones to Watch**

[August 18, 2022](#)

Thirty-one lawyers from Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) have been honored as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch. This recognition is given to attorneys, in a variety of practice groups, who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. This honor is based on Best Lawyers®' highly selective

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