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Biography

Margaret H. "Meg" Donahue is Of Counsel with our office in Charleston, South Carolina. She specializes in workers' compensation, medical malpractice, asbestos and talc litigation, and is also involved in general liability and aging services matters.

Meg earned her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a specialty in equine business management from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Meg began her career in Columbia, South Carolina with a large regional firm specializing in workers' compensation, subrogation, and coverage with a particular focus on representing employers dealing with claims related to exposure to asbestos and other potentially harmful materials in the workplace. The medical-legal issues of causation, disability, and liability for past and future medical treatment led to an expansion of her practice into medical malpractice and aging services. Meg's familiarity with asbestos-related disease and large format discovery in industrial asbestos defense segued into her role with Hall Booth Smith's Asbestos & Talc Litigation team, defending exposure cases in the civil arena.

Services

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Meg assists clients with defensive strategy, claim valuation, and mitigation of risk and loss.

Meg is a lifelong Equestrian and an accredited equine appraiser with the American Society of Equine Appraisers. Due to her experience in both personal and professional capacity with horses, Meg has also worked on cases involving liability for injury or loss of horses.

Experience

Workers Compensation

Meg has almost 20 years of experience representing employers and insurance carriers in a wide variety of workers' compensation claims. She counsels clients through coverage disagreements, compensability, causation, valuation of exposure, and medically complex issues.

Medical Malpractice

Meg applies her vast experience assessing medical conditions, records review, causation, and future care to assisting a wide variety of health care providers in defending claims for negligence and breach in standard of care. As the daughter of a dentist, she understands the pressures faced by medical professionals to provide excellent care to their patients, manage their business, and oversee their staff. Meg uses her knowledge and experience in this area to assist various specialty groups within the firm's medical malpractice team.

Asbestos

Throughout her career, Meg has represented clients in toxic and asbestos exposure cases. First in the context of industrial

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exposures, and more recently in mass tort actions involving negligence and products liability. She assesses the medical diagnostics specific to mesothelioma, asbestos-related lung disease, and other exposure-related cancers, as well as analyzing alternative sources of exposure, and the tenants creating liability including knowledge and remediation.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- South Carolina

Education

- J.D., University of South Carolina
- B.A., *cum laude*, Business Administration, St. Andrews Presbyterian College

Memberships

- American Society of Equine Appraisers: Accredited Appraiser, 2002-Present
- Georgia Hunter Jumper Associate: Board of Directors, 2018-Present
- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Education Association: Member

Publications

- [**South Carolina Workers' Compensation Case Law Update Series**](#)
HBS Workers' Compensation Blog
- [**Concurrent Jurisdiction in Workers' Compensation Claims**](#)
HBS Workers' Compensation Blog; December 4; 2023
- [**South Carolina WCC Electronic Forms Submissions**](#)
HBS Workers' Compensation Blog; July 28, 2021
- [**TPD & Concurrent Illnesses: Not Just a COVID Question - a South Carolina Perspective**](#)
HBS Workers' Compensation Blog; March 19, 2021

In the Press

[**WorkersCompensation.com: Meg Donahue on Brailey v. Michelin North America**](#)

December 19, 2024

In a third article of a series published on WorkersCompensation.com, HBS Partner Margaret “Meg” Donahue provides South Carolina case law updates related to workers’ compensation

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South Carolina **Workers'** **Compensation** **Case Law** **Update Series,** **Part III:** **Brailey v.** **Michelin** **North America**

December 11, 2024

The South Carolina appellate courts have been faced with several questions on workers' compensation in recent months, producing opinions that will affect practice points and claims handling in defending workers compensation claims. This series discusses the rulings and how employers and carriers should be mindful of this precedent going forward.

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South Carolina **Workers'** **Compensation** **Case Law**

Update Series, **Part II:** **Contreas v. St.** **John's Fire** **District** **Commission**

September 19, 2024

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South Carolina **Workers'** **Compensation** **Case Law** **Update Series,** **Part I: Brooks** **v. Benore**

Logistics Systems, Inc.

September 9, 2024

The South Carolina appellate courts have been faced with several questions on workers' compensation in recent months, producing opinions that will affect practice points and claims handling in defending workers compensation claims. In this series, I'll discuss the rulings and how Employers and Carriers should be mindful of this precedent going forward.

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South Carolina WCC Electronic Forms Submissions

July 28, 2021

Written by: Margaret H. Donahue, Esq. On July 27, 2021, the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission issued the attached advisory notice detailing new procedures for email submission of Forms 15,17,19, and 20 by Carriers.

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As with prior versions of electronic submission, the Commission is requiring specific format to be followed and will assume no responsibility

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TPD & Concurrent Illnesses: Not Just a COVID Question - a South Carolina Perspective

March 19, 2021

Written by: Margaret “Meg” H. Donahue, Esq. At the one-year anniversary of COVID-19 in America, you’d probably think all the questions had been asked. But only recently, one came up that I was surprised hadn’t surfaced sooner. The question was, if a worker is on light duty for a work injury and receiving temporary partial

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Smith **Welcomes** **Donahue As Of** **Counsel To Its** **Charleston** **Office**

August 5, 2020

CHARLESTON, S.C.– August 5, 2020 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is delighted to welcome Of Counsel Margaret “Meg” H. Donahue to its growing office in Charleston, South Carolina, as the firm expands its workers’ compensation practice. Meg represents employers and insurance carriers in coverage disputes, compensability to medically complex cases and toxic exposure in the

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