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Biography

Michael J. Heron is a Partner in our Oklahoma City office with over 30 years of legal experience. He specializes in protecting the rights of individuals and businesses in civil cases involving medical malpractice, professional liability, construction, transportation, and insurance matters.

Mike represents hospitals, practice groups, physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals in a wide range of litigation, policies and procedures, compliance, investigations, business transactions, labor and employment issues, human resources matters, and other day-to-day business and operational needs. He works closely with senior leadership and in-house counsel at each client to ensure his legal strategy supports the long-term business goals of the organization and to create best practices and internal policies to reduce the likelihood of litigation in the first place.

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Before joining Hall Booth Smith, Mike was a Partner at his own firm near Oklahoma City for more than 15 years. He also worked as an associate attorney for more than a decade earlier in his legal

Services

Aging Services

Construction

Dental

General Liability

Insurance Coverage

Medical Malpractice

Professional Malpractice & Ethics

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career.

Mike earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma, and he also completed both a Master of Science in Audiology and a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders at the University of Oklahoma. He formerly served as President and sat on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel and is a past member of DRI.

Experience

Labor & Employment

Mike represents hospitals and health care professionals in a wide range of labor and employment matters including contracts, credentialing, licensure actions, human resources matters, corporate compliance, policies and procedures, and other employer/employee matters.

Medical Malpractice

Mike has decades of experience defending hospitals, practice groups, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals in complex medical malpractice and other professional liability litigation including catastrophic injury, misdiagnosis, wrongful diagnosis, and other high-exposure cases.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

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- Oklahoma

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., University of Oklahoma
- M.S., Audiology, University of Oklahoma
- B.S., Communication Disorders, University of Oklahoma

Memberships

- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel: President (former), Board of Directors Member (former)
- DRI: Member
    - Medical Liability and Health Law Committee: Member (former)

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Best Lawyers®, 2025 - 2026
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™, High Ethical Standing; Martindale-Hubbell
- Oklahoma Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers®; 2011-2012, 2017-2019

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Presentations

Michael provides numerous presentations and educational seminars to nurses and physicians for hospitals on topics such as charting, credentialing, informed consent, EMTALA, depositions, end-of-life issues, and human resources matters. Select presentations are listed below.

- **Current Trends in Litigation**
  PLICO Regional Hospital Meeting, 2016
- **Pitfalls and Liability Issues with the Use of the Electronic Medical Record**
  Oklahoma Healthcare Summit, 2015
- **Negligent Credentialing Claims and Dealing with Difficult Practitioners**
  Oklahoma Association of Medical Services (OKAMSS), 2012

In the Press

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

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Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to announce that 58 lawyers have been included in the 2025 edition of The

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HBS Welcomes Associate Michael A. Dial in Oklahoma City

December 9, 2021

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – December 09, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to welcome Associate Michael A. Dial to its Oklahoma City office as the firm continues to strengthen its presence in the state of Oklahoma. Mike focuses his practice on medical malpractice defense, health care, aging services and general liability. Prior

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Hall Booth Smith Adds Associate Seth Killman in Oklahoma City

November 22, 2021

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – November 22, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to welcome Associate Seth Killman to its Oklahoma City office as the firm continues to strengthen its presence in the state of Oklahoma. Seth protects the rights of clients in aging services and medical malpractice disputes in both state and

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HBS Opens 24th Office in Oklahoma City as Heron, Fox, Trout & Sherry Join Firm

September 1, 2021

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to announce its 24th office as the attorneys at Oklahoma City-based boutique medical malpractice defense firm Heron, Fox, Trout & Sherry join the organization. Michael J. Heron, Chris L. Fox and Kevin K. Trout are joining Hall Booth Smith as Partners,

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