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Scott S. Nixon is a Partner in the firm's Denver office. He has four decades of legal experience and concentrates his practice on medical malpractice defense and other health care litigation.

Scott defends physicians, surgeons, nurses, managed care and HMO groups, hospitals, health care systems, physician groups, and other health care professionals in complex high-exposure cases such as catastrophic injury, misdiagnosis,

wrongful diagnosis, birth trauma, unexpected surgical outcomes and wrongful death. He represents numerous correctional facilities and governments in civil rights, malpractice, injury and liability claims.

Scott also has extensive experience in representing dentists, oral surgeons, periodontists, prosthodontists, orthodontists and dental hygienists in a wide range of malpractice, liability and injury litigation.

Scott is designated as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado on an ad hoc basis. He was elected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2022, and is an invited member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) in the Colorado chapter.

Before joining HBS, Scott was a founder and owner of a regional law firm in Denver bearing his name, Nixon Shefrin Ogburn Drew, P.C., and traces his roots back to 1982 when he was a law clerk at a predecessor firm. He helped grow Nixon Shefrin into one of the leading litigation defense firms in Denver before combining with Hall Booth Smith.

Scott earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Denver College of Law, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Michigan State University.

EXPERIENCE

Scott has nearly 40 years of legal experience, and specializes in medical malpractice defense and other litigation related to health care, dental and correctional health care. He represents hospitals, health care systems, insurers, physicians, dentists and other health care professionals in a wide range of malpractice and liability lawsuits such as birth trauma, wrongful death and catastrophic injury.

ADMITTED

- Colorado state courts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Designated as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado on an ad hoc basis

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Denver College of Law

- B.B.A., Michigan State University

PUBLICATIONS

- Holley vs. Huang, 284 P.3d 81 (Colo. App. 2011).
- Villalpando vs. Denver Health & Hosp. Auth., 181 P.3d 357 (Colo. App. 2007).
- Self vs. Crum, 439 F.3d 1227 (10th Cir. 2006), cert. denied, 127 S.Ct. 131;
- Vigil vs. Colorado Dept. of Higher Ed., Univ. of Colo. Health Sciences Center, 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 13641; Hall vs. Levine, 104 P.3d 222 (Colo. 2005).
- Rowell vs. Clifford, 976 P.2d 363 (Colo. App. 1998).
- Hartman vs. Middleton, 974 P.2d 1007 (Colo. App. 1998).
- Evans vs. Colorado Permanente Medical Group, P.C., 902 P.2d 867 (Colo. App. 1995).
- Colorado Permanente Medical Group, P.C., vs. Evans, 926 P.2d 1218 (Colo. 1996).
- Villalobos vs. Heidelberger Druckmaschien A.G., 859 F.Supp 1355 (D. Colo. 1994).
- May Dept. Stores Co. vs. University Hills, Inc., 787 P.2d 434 (Colo. App. 1989), cert. denied March 12, 1990.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American College of Trial Lawyers, 2022-Present
- American Board of Trial Advocates, 2016-Present
- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains – Board of Directors
- Mark K. Ulmer Memorial Native American Scholarship Foundation – Board of Directors
- Colorado Bar Association
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

RECOGNITIONS

- Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent, 1994-Present
- Colorado Super Lawyer – Medical Malpractice Defense Attorney, 2007-Present
- 5280 Magazine – Top Lawyer, 2016-Present
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association – Professionalism Award, 2019
- Colorado Law Week – Barrister’s Best Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyer in 2020
- The Best Lawyers in America®, – Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2022, 2023

Presentations

- Scott is often invited to give lectures, educational courses, panel discussions and other presentations to other attorneys, health care professionals and medical students related to medical and legal liability and risk management.

Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In America 2023

August 18, 2022

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce 47 lawyers from the firm were honored in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in

HBS Partner Scott S. Nixon Admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers

March 9, 2022

DENVER – March 9, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is excited to announce that Partner Scott S. Nixon has become a Fellow of the

HBS Attorneys Selected as Super Lawyers in the 2022 Colorado Super Lawyers Magazine

March 7, 2022

In the 2022 edition of the Colorado Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) will once again be recognized for its

Hall Booth Smith Expands to Denver with Nixon Shefrin Additions

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DENVER, Jan. 10, 2022 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. announced today the opening of a Denver office with the addition of 17 attorneys and 18

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