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## Biography

Tiffany Winks is a Partner in the Atlanta office. She attended Clemson University, where she graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science. Prior to attending Charleston School of Law where she graduated *cum laude*, Tiffany spent a year serving as a construction crew leader for AmeriCorps.

Tiffany's litigation and insurance defense practice focuses mainly in the areas of construction defect and general liability. She has represented general contractors, developers, various subcontractor entities, a national window manufacturing company, and HOAs in a vast range of construction claims and disputes. She has experience in bad faith, coverage, premises liability, and products liability. Tiffany has successfully tried cases at both the state and federal levels.

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Construction  
Tiffany leads the Construction practice group and has experience

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representing contractors, subcontractors, developers, and insurance companies in various construction design and defect, delay, contract compliance, insurance coverage, personal injury, and property damage matters. Her practice is focused on the litigation of construction cases, including mediation and trials in both state and federal courts throughout Georgia.

Tiffany has experience representing design professionals in a wide range of pre-suit and litigated matters arising from the design and construction process. This includes the representation of architects, engineers, and surveyors in claims associated with planning, design, and administration of projects at all levels of complexity. She has experience defending claims arising from Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, breaches of contract, construction defects, construction delays, professional negligence, worker injuries/bodily injuries, and materials'/mechanics' liens.

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## General Liability

Tiffany has successfully handled many general liability claims. She has litigation experience involving premise liability and slip and fall cases in apartment complexes and retail stores, products liability claims, and foreclosure actions. In addition, Tiffany has experience with premise liability lawsuits, as well as discrimination claims, associated with ADA compliance (Americans With Disabilities Act), including property regulation compliance and defense of related litigation on behalf of property owners.

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## Insurance Coverage

Tiffany has experience in providing insurance coverage opinions regarding life, property, and casualty coverage issues including CGL policies, bad faith, uninsured motorists, causation, and excess coverage under commercial and personal policies. In addition, as the cyber insurance market grows, it is critical have counsel who is equipped with the knowledge and understands the unique aspects of data breach and cyber coverage. Tiffany represents insurance companies and is experienced in all aspects of insurance defense.

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Whether providing a coverage opinion or representation through the trial level, Tiffany is committed to providing quality representation to the client.

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## Products Liability

Tiffany has experience representing manufacturers in the defense of products liability claims resulting from injuries or death, alleged to be caused by product defects. She is prepared to assist manufacturers and suppliers in the investigation and defense of products liability actions.

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## Transportation

Tiffany has experience in third party litigation arising out of transportation, products, and premises liability claims involving catastrophic injury and wrongful death. Tiffany additionally handles first party coverage issues related to issues arising out of transportation, products, and premises liability claims.

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## Credentials

### Admitted

#### State Courts:

- Georgia
  - Court of Appeals, Supreme Court

#### U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

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## Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Charleston School of Law
- B.S., *cum laude*, Marketing, Clemson University

## Memberships

- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
  - Construction Law Committee
  - Young Lawyers Division
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA), Women's Section
- Insurance Professionals of Atlanta
- State Bar of Georgia
  - SOLACE Committee Member, 2023-2024
  - Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Vice Chair

## Recognition

- [Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America](#), Best Lawyers®, 2023-2024
  - Construction Law
  - Insurance Law
  - Transportation Law
- Georgia Rising Star, Super Lawyers®, 2022-2023
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow

## Presentations

- **Show me the Money: Realities Behind Litigation Financing**  
CPCU Meeting, March 2019
- **Social Media: Impact on Liability Claims**  
HBS Women's Forum, July 2018

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- **Drive-By Litigation for ADA Compliance**  
CPCU Meeting, September 2017
- **Ethics - Use it or Lose it**  
Southern Loss Association, September 2015

## Publications

- **Get Your Head in the Game: Georgia Court Warns Insurers About the Consequences of Bench-Warming During a Pending Lawsuit Against the Insured**  
HBS National Insurance Coverage Blog, November 2021
- **Exploring Risks for Retailers, Restaurants, and the Local Delivery of Their Products**  
DRI-Retail and Hospitality Committee Newsletter, March 2019
- **Biased and Unreasonable: Shining the Evidentiary Light on Litigation Finance Companies**  
DRI "For the Defense," January 2019
- **4th Circuit Rules Insurer Must Defend Insured Against Class Action Data Breach**  
HBS Data Privacy & Cyber Security Blog, April 2016

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- **Fourth Circuit To Decide If Commercial General Liability Policy Covers Internet Publication of Medical Records**  
HBS Data Privacy & Cyber Security Blog, April 2016
- **Federal Courts Law Review Article**  
Author, Student Edition
- **Pressing "Pause" on the State: The First Amendment and the Exposure of Violent Video Games to Minors**  
Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Association, 5 Fed. Cts. L. Rev. 321; 2012
- **Til Equity Do Us Part: Equitable Distribution of Property in Marital and Non-Marital Relationships**  
The Charleston School of Law

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## In the Press

### **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**

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## 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 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

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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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## **Nine Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Selected as Rising Stars in the 2022 Georgia Super Lawyers Magazine**

February 16, 2022

In the 2022 edition of the Georgia Super Lawyers magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) has once again been recognized for its outstanding legal work as nine of its attorneys are on the list of Rising Stars. Attorneys Russell Britt, Brittanie Browning, Jacquelyn Clarke, Sean Cox, Jake Evans, Alex Kaufman, Joel McKie,



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## **Get Your Head in the Game: Georgia Court Warns Insurers About the Consequences of Bench- Warming During a Pending Lawsuit Against the Insured**

November 5, 2021

Written by: Tiffany Winks, Esq. and Breanna Vega, Esq.  
The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, recently decided *Barrs v. Auto-Owners*. In *Barrs*, in the underlying suit *Barrs* brought suit against AAA Contractors (“AAA”), the insured of Auto-Owners, for property damage and delays in deconstructing an old mill because an agent

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## **Hall Booth Smith Names Ten New Partners**

August 1, 2019

ATLANTA – August 1, 2019 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is pleased to announce that 10 attorneys have been named Partner as the firm recognizes the talent and dedication of leaders across numerous practice groups. The new Partners are: Laura Hall Cartner is member of the firm's aging services and professional liability practice groups. She

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## **Hall Booth Smith is proud to welcome Tiffany Winks and Laura Hall as Associates in Atlanta**

July 16, 2013

Hall Booth Smith is proud to welcome Tiffany Winks and Laura Hall as Associates in

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Atlanta Laura Hall has recently joined HBS's Atlanta office as an Associate. She attended the Charleston School of Law, receiving her JD in 2012. While attending, she was a member of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, and served the

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