

W. Patton Hahn

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W. Patton Hahn has extensive experience litigating and negotiating complex, multi-party commercial disputes, contractual disputes, receivership cases, complex real property, and zoning litigation, shareholder disputes and other corporate governance litigation, will and trust disputes, complex large-scale construction cases, and commercial fraud cases.

Based in the Firm's Birmingham office, Mr. Hahn primarily represents banks, private equity lenders, hedge funds, loan servicers, and other lending institutions, real estate companies, commercial general contractors, commercial subcontractors, and materials suppliers in contract and other transactional disputes involving business entities, commercial real estate, leasing, and related matters.

Mr. Hahn served as lead counsel for the Receiver appointed to administer and oversee the Jefferson County Sewer System and worked extensively in negotiations with the county, investment bankers, bond insurers and hedge funds in attempts to find a solution to the county's \$3 billion sewer debt crisis.

Mr. Hahn is an active member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry, the Turnaround Management Association, and the Construction Suppliers Association.

Representative Matters

• Retained on behalf of a minority investor to remove the managing member of an LLC that owned an affordable housing complex where the client faced significant tax credit recapture exposure if managing member was not removed and continued to mismanage the property. After extensive litigation, managing member agreed to settlement that involved removal at no cost to client.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy Litigation, 2013 2024; Construction Litigation, 2017 – 2024; Commercial Litigation, 2019 – 2024; Land Use and Zoning Litigation, 2020 – 2023; Litigation - Banking and Finance, 2021 – 2024
- Named one of Birmingham Business Journal's 2023 Who's Who in Law
- Listed in Chambers USA as a leading Bankruptcy/Restructuring lawyer in Alabama, 2013 2015
- Selected to Mid-South Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy: Business, 2013 2023
- Selected to Alabama Rising Stars, 2010, 2011
- 2005 Graduate, American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Trial Academy
- Law Clerk, Honorable Eric G. Bruggink, United States Court of Federal Claims, 1999 2000
- Member American Bar Association (Construction, Labor and Employment and Litigation Sections;
 Member, Dispute Avoidance and Resolution, Labor Relations and Construction Committees)
- Member Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society
- Member John A. Campbell Moot Court Board
- Student Articles Editor, Journal of the Legal Profession

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Firm Chairperson, 2007 United Way Campaign
- 2008 Graduate, Project Corporate Leadership
- Firm Leader, National Conference for Community and Justice Walk-as-One Campaigns

President of the Board, Children's Dance Foundation

Speaking Engagements

- "Receivership Comparative Illustrations in the Southeast," Cumberland Law School, Trends in Commercial Real Estate seminar (November 2013)
- "Lender Liability Trends in 2013: How to Be Aggressive and Not Get Sued," client presentation, Dallas, Texas (June 2013)

- University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 1999, cum laude
- Colgate University, B.A., 1994

Admissions

- Alabama, 1999
- Alabama Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Courts, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims