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OVERVIEW

Halli is a trial attorney with a specialized practice in product liability defense and serious personal injury cases involving prescription pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter drugs, and medical devices. Having practiced in this area for more than 30 years, Halli understands the underlying science, as well as the law, and is able to provide a greater level of service to her clients. Halli has extensive experience in mass torts, specifically with pelvic and hernia mesh, talc, IVC filters, anti-depressant pharmaceuticals, and ranitidine. Besides defending clients in the courtroom, Halli is often called upon to develop tools and processes to reduce product liability risk. Her substantial experience includes representing clinical laboratories in claims of misdiagnosis and negligent screening.

Halli's past trial experience involves automotive design and manufacturing issues. She has represented large oil and gas companies in serious personal injury and premises liability cases and has represented product manufacturers such as Merck, Sofamor Danek and Gambro Healthcare, General Motors, Mazda, and Mercedes Benz. She serves as co-national counsel for one of the world's largest logistics companies. In addition to her trial practice, Halli serves as national counsel and manages large-scale mass tort litigation.

Halli is active in her local community and serves on the board of Cool Girls', an organization with a mission to empower Atlanta, GA girls by breaking the cycle of poverty, low self-esteem, and teen pregnancy. She is also on the advisory board of the Pro-Bono Partnership. Halli is active at Emory University and with the International Association of Defense Counsel, and is a frequent speaker on topics relevant to mass torts and multidistrict litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a major pharmaceutical company in numerous lawsuits filed throughout the U.S. claiming personal injury and death caused by the prescription drug Paxil® resulting in numerous dismissals.
- Served as local counsel for a major pharmaceutical company in the Mass Tort Program in Philadelphia, PA.
- Represented General Motors in product liability cases throughout the Southeast resulting in summary judgments and numerous dismissals.
- Lead trial counsel in an automotive product liability case in the state court in Columbia, SC.
- Lead trial counsel in a premises liability case in state court in Houston, TX.
- Lead trial counsel in a negligence case in state court in Green Bay, WI.

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- Lead trial counsel in a punitive damages case in Green Bay, WI.
- Lead trial counsel in a medical negligence case in Miami, FL.
- Second chair trial counsel in a pharmaceutical product liability case in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Second chair trial counsel in a pharmaceutical product liability case in St. Louis, MO.
- Second chair trial counsel in a premises liability case for a major oil company in the Northern District of Georgia.
- Trial counsel in a medical negligence case in St. Louis, MO.
- Trial counsel in an automotive product liability case in the Northern District of Georgia.
- Trial counsel in an automotive product liability case in Fulton County, GA.
- Trial counsel in a pharmaceutical product liability case in Philadelphia, PA.
- *Nichols v. General Motors*: Her defense verdict in Fulton County, GA was chosen by *The National Law Journal* as one of the top ten defense verdicts of 2003.

AWARDS

- *Chambers USA*: Litigation: Litigation: Product Liability, Georgia (2023-2026); Product Liability & Mass Torts, USA Nationwide (2024-2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2021-2027), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2022-2027)
- *Legal 500 United States* for Automotive (2007-2011, 2014); Pharmaceutical Products Liability Litigation (2007-2011, 2014, 2022-2024)
- *Georgia Super Lawyers* (2026)
- United Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Consumer Products
- Health Care + Life Sciences
- Litigation + Trial
- Pharmaceutical + Medical Device Litigation + Counseling
- Product Liability

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association Committee on Products Liability Litigation
- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel
- DRI
- Atlanta Bar Association
- President, Emory University School of Law Alumni Board, 2008-2011
- Emory University Alumni Board, 2012-2017 (board secretary, 2015-2016)
- Emory University Board of Visitors, 2017-2019

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1990
- Duke University, B.A., 1987

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia
- District of Columbia (Inactive)
- Maryland (Inactive)
- New Jersey (Inactive)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, ACI's 30th Annual Conference on Drug & Medical Device Litigation, December 3-4, 2025.
- Speaker, "Life Sciences in the News: Exploring the Anticipated Compliance and Litigation Risks Associated with Semaglutide and GLP-1s," ACI 11th Annual Summit for Women Leaders in Life Sciences Law 2024, July 26, 2024.
- Speaker, "Great Resignation Panel," Duke Women's Weekend, March 3, 2023.
- Presenter, "The Importance of Demonstratives in Trials," 2021 Women in Litigation Joint CLE Conference, November 18, 2021.
- Moderator, "Products Liability Claims Involving Medical Devices," Atlanta Bar Association's Litigation Section Breakfast, October 8, 2021.
- Speaker, "Sending in the Reserves: Litigator Interactions with Finance/Audit," Corporate Counsel College, IADC, Chicago, IL, April 2019.
- Speaker, "The Future of Personal Jurisdiction: Decisions of Note and Interpretations Around the Country," 23rd Annual Drug and Medical Device Litigation Conference, ACI, New York, NY, November 2018.
- Speaker, "Emerging Doctrines of Jurisdiction and Their Impact on Automotive Product Liability Litigation: The Aftermath Bristol-Myers Squibb and BNSF Railway," 11th National Advanced Forum on Defending & Managing Automotive Product Liability Litigation, ACI, Chicago, IL, July 2018.
- Speaker, Toxic and Mass Torts Seminar, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, March 2018.
- Speaker, Alternative Dispute Resolution to Mass Claims Conference, New York, NY, May 2017.
- Speaker, Annual Drug & Medical Device Conferences, ACI, December 2011, 2012, and 2014.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Mentioned, "Meet the Attys Leading Philly's Newest Mass Tort Programs," *Law360*, September 16, 2022.
- Quoted, "The Top Product Liability Cases of 2021," *Law360*, December 10, 2021.