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{ Admitted to practice law in Alabama,  
Florida, Georgia, and before the  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. }

- 2018 - present [\*\*William B. Hairston, III - Attorney at Law\*\*](#), Birmingham, AL  
Solo practitioner providing business and succession planning guidance to select clientele.
- 2019 - 2023 [\*\*Cumberland School of Law, Samford University\*\*](#), Birmingham, AL  
Adjunct Professor, Cumberland School of Law/M.S. - M.S.L Program
- MSLW 555 - Compliance Program Management
  - MFRC 520 - Consumer [Financial] Protection Laws and Regulations
  - LAW 603 - Consumer [Financial] Protection Laws and Regulations
- 1983 - 2022 [\*\*Engel Hairston & Johanson, P.C.\*\*](#), Birmingham, AL  
Practicing law predominately in the areas of commercial finance, business and succession planning, workouts, turnaround management, lending, SBA lending and real estate matters. [From August 3, 2018 to July 1, 2022 served in an “Of Counsel” to facilitate new career development.]
- 1983 J.D. [\*\*University of Alabama School of Law\*\*](#), Tuscaloosa, AL  
Executive Editor [\*Journal of the Legal Profession\*](#)  
Chief Justice of Honor Court
- 1980 B.S. [\*\*Cornell University, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering\*\*](#), Ithaca NY  
[\*Tau Beta Pi\*](#), engineering honor society  
[\*Chi Epsilon\*](#), civil engineering honor society

## **Affiliations and Accolades:**

[St. Luke's Episcopal Church](#) (2022 – present)

- Adult Sunday School Teacher (2022 - present)

[Samford University](#)

- [President's Society](#) (2021 – present)
- [Beeson Divinity School Advisory Board](#) (2024 – present)

[Saint Andrews Society of the Middle South](#) (President, 2017)

[Society of Colonial Wars](#) in the State of Alabama (Gentleman 2020, Deputy Governor 2023)

Designated 504 Counsel under [13 C.F.R. 120.802](#) (1994-2018)

[Birmingham Camellia Society](#) (President and Show Chairman 1985 - 1989)

[Alabama Law Institute](#)

- Voting Member of the Institute (2004 - present)
- Standing Trust Committee (Member, 2013 – present, Reporter 2021 – present)
- Real Estate Study Committee (Member, 2004 - present)
- Study Committees pertaining to acts submitted to the Legislature:
  - Uniform Commercial Code Amendments (2022) (Chair, 2022 - 2023)
  - Uniform Voidable Transactions Act (Chair, 2016 - 2017)
  - Uniform Probate Code (Reporter 2021 – present)
  - Alabama Rule Against Perpetuities (Chair, 2010 - 2011)
  - Self-Settled Spendthrift Trusts (Member, 2018 - 2020)
  - Condominium Act Amendment (Member, 2010 - 2018)
  - Trust Decanting (Member, 2017)
  - Asset-Preservation Orders Act (Member, 2015)
  - Heir Property (Member, 2014)
  - Unitrust (Member, 2012 - 2013)
  - Uniform Commercial Code - Article 4A Amendments (Member, 2012)
  - 2010 Amendments to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (Member, 2011)
  - Uniform Interstate Deposition and Discovery Act (Member, 2011)
  - Principal and Income Act Amendments (Member, 2011)
  - Alabama Revised Notary Act (Member, 2010)
  - Alabama Unsworn Foreign Declaration Act (Member, 2010)
  - Residential Mortgage Satisfaction Act (Chair/Reporter, 2007)
  - Uniform Residential Landlord/Tenant Act (Member, 2005)
  - UCC Article 1 - General Provisions Amendments (Member, 2003)
  - UCC Article 7 - Documents of Title (Member, 2003)
  - UCC Article 9 - Secured Transactions Revisions (Member, 1999 - 2001)
  - UCC Article 5 - Letter of Credit (Member, 1998)
  - UCC Article 6 - Bulk Transfer Repeal (Member, 1997)
  - UCC Article 3 - Negotiable Instruments (Member, 1996)
  - UCC Article 4 - Bank Deposits and Collections (Member, 1996)
  - Multiple Persons Accounts Act (Member, 1996)
  - UCC Article 2A - Leases (Associate Member, 1991)

[Uniform Laws Commission](#)

- UCC and Emerging Technologies (Observer, 2021 - present)
- Study Committee on Recurring Services Charges (ABA Advisor 2021-2022)

- Tenancy in Common Ownership Default Rules Study Committee (ABA Advisor 2020)
- Commercial Financial Disclosure Study Committee (Observer 2022 – 2023)
- Commercial Financial Disclosure Drafting Committee (Observer 2022 – 2023)

[Highlands United Methodist Church](#) (1965 – 2021)

- Council of Ministries (Chair, 1990)
- Administrative Board (Chair, 1993)
- Trustee (Chair, 2019 - 2020)
- Adult Sunday School Teacher (1983 - 2021)

[Highlands Methodist Educational Foundation](#) (Organizer and Chair 1985 - 1998)

[Rotary Club of Birmingham](#) (2003 - present)

- [Paul Harris Fellow](#)

[Federalist Society](#) (Member 2022 - present)

[Alabama State Bar](#) (1983 - present)

- Committee of Rules of Professional Conduct (Chair, 1993-1998, Reporter, 1983-1993)

[Alabama Supreme Court](#) Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and Practice and Procedure for District Courts (Member, 1988 - 2018)

[Alabama Law Foundation](#) (Life Fellow, 2010)

[American Bar Association](#) (1982 - present)

- ABA Advisor to Uniform Law Commission (2021 – present)
- [Senior Law Division](#) (Member 2020 – present)
- [Business Law Section](#) (Member, 1986 - present)
- [Consumer Financial Services](#) (Member, 1984 - 1988, 2018 – present)
- [Commercial Financial Committee](#) (Member, 1987 - present)
- UCC Committee (Member, 1988 - present)
- Opinion Letters Committee (Member, 1990 - present)
- Loan Documentation Committee (Member, 1988 - present)

[American Bar Foundation](#) (Life Fellow, 1994)

[Birmingham Bar Association](#) (1983 - present)

- Professionalism Long Range Task Force (Member, 1999)
- Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (Member, 1996-1998)
- Ethics Committee (Chair, 1994 - 1995)
- Fee Arbitration Committee (Member, 1990 - 1991)
- Grievance Committee (Member, 1987 - 1989)

[The Florida Bar](#) (1984 - present)

[State Bar of Georgia](#) (1984 - present)

[Best Lawyer in America](#) recipient

[Super Lawyer](#) designation

[Lawyer of Distinction](#)

**Papers and Major Presentations:**

- “[\*The Ranking of Attorney Lien Against Other Liens in the United States\*](#),” 7 Journal of the Legal Profession, 1983, 1982.

- “*Repossession and Disposition of Personal Property*,” section of Foreclosure and Repossession in Alabama, NBI, 1987, 1989, 1991.
- “*How to Close SBA 504 Transactions*,” National Association of Development Co., 1992.
- Lecturer, various CLE programs
- “*SBA Loan Guarantees: Current Purchase Issues and Complexities*” (May 8, 2014 live webinar)
- “*Navigating the Storms of Recovering on SBA 7(a) Loan Guarantees*” (September 12, 2013 live webinar)
- “*PPP Loans - a Time-Bomb in Lender’s Portfolio*” (September 23, 2020 virtual presentation to Commercial Finance Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association)
- “[Alabama’s Uniform Commercial Code Amendments 2022](#)” (Alabama Lawyer, 2024)