



## William B. Hairston III

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

- 2019 - present **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
- 2018 - present **William B. Hairston, III - Attorney at Law**, Birmingham, AL  
Solo practitioner providing business and succession planning guidance to select clientele.
- 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)

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 multiple years as Chair)

Rotary Club of Birmingham (2003 - present)

- Paul Harris Fellow

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

Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Alabama (Gentleman of the Council, 2020 - present)

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

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 (Member, 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)

Alabama Bar Association (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 - present)

Alabama Bar 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 Services 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)

Uniform Laws Committee

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

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)

The Georgia Bar (1984 - present)

Best Lawyer in America recipient

Super Lawyer designation

Lawyer of Distinction

Birmingham Camellia Society (President and Show Chairman in 1980s)

### **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)