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W. Patton Hahn, managing shareholder of the Firm's Birmingham office, represents corporate litigants in high-profile, complex disputes.

W. Patton Hahn has spent his entire career 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. His clients include Fortune 500 companies, multinational telecommunications companies, real estate investment trusts, private equity and hedge funds, commercial lenders, investment firms, high-net-worth individuals and their estates, court-appointed receivers, and construction and disaster recovery and property restoration companies, among others.

Mr. Hahn served as lead counsel in receivership litigation that involved the restructuring of the Jefferson County Sewer System's \$3.3 billion sewer debt. He worked extensively in negotiations with the county, investment bankers, bond insurers and hedge funds in attempts to find a solution to the county's debt.

Before entering private practice, Mr. Hahn clerked for the Honorable Eric G. Bruggink, United States Court of Federal Claims.

Representative Matters

- Lead counsel for wireless carriers in zoning litigation throughout the country.
- 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 – 2025; Construction Litigation, 2017 – 2025; Commercial Litigation, 2019 – 2025; Land Use and Zoning Litigation, 2020 – 2023; Litigation - Banking and Finance, 2021 – 2025; Construction Law, 2025
- 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 – 2024
- 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 – American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member – Turnaround Management Association
- Member – Construction Suppliers Association
- 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

- "New Limits on Federal Agency Authority: How the *Loper Bright* Decision Could Reshape Telecom Policy and the FCC's Role," Connectivity Expo (May 2025)
- "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)



Education

- 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