SALLY B. AKINS

BIOGRAPHY

Sarah B. "Sally" Akins is a partner at Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams in Savannah. After graduating from the University of Florida and then Mercer University School of Law, Sally worked in Atlanta, Georgia, for two years before beginning her practice in Savannah in 1993. Since her start as a judicial clerk after law school, she has been engaged exclusively in civil trial practice. She has handled cases involving premises liability, automobile, and truck accidents, professional negligence (medical, legal and pharmaceutical) litigation involving counties and municipalities including civil rights cases and zoning cases, insurance coverage litigation, and products liability. After working solely with litigation with Ellis Painter, she chose to focus on mediation, and is a registered mediator and arbitrator.

Since 2010, Law & Politics magazine has named Sally a Super Lawyer of the Georgia Bar, and The Atlanta Magazine did the same. Adding to her impressive list of approbations is her status on the Top 50 Female Super Lawyers list that she's held since 2012. Most recently, she was named on Georgia's list of Top 100 Super Lawyers in 2020.

Currently, besides her mediation work, Sally serves as the Secretary of the State Bar of Georgia, and is 2020's Chair of Georgia Board of Bar Examiners.

EDUCATION

- University of Florida, B.A., 1987
- Mercer University, J.D., 1990

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Board of Bar Examiners
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- State Bar of Georgia
- Georgia Association for Women Lawyers
- Savannah Bar Association
- National Council of Lawyer Dicipline Boards
- Defense Research Institute
- Lawyers Foundation of Georgia



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