



Akiah Highsmith

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Akiah Highsmith represents clients in insurance defense matters and general commercial litigation.

Mr. Highsmith, a member of the Firm's Advocacy Department, focuses his practice on insurance defense matters and general commercial litigation. He also has experience in civil litigation, criminal defense, estate planning, and probate.

Prior to his private law practice, Mr. Highsmith served as an assistant district attorney for the Third Judicial District for seven years. He handled a diverse caseload ranging from first-degree murder and other serious felonies to misdemeanor assaults and DUIs. He has handled thousands of cases and has extensive experience in the courtroom and at the negotiating table.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Board Member – Hawkins County Recovery Court (2019 – 2021)
- Chair – Elder Abuse Task Force for the Third Judicial District (2015 – 2020)
- Honoree – *The Business Journal of Tri-Cities TN/VA* "40 Under Forty" (2021)



Education

- Appalachian School of Law, J.D., 2013
- East Tennessee State University, B.S., 2009



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2013
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2013