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Gaines Brake

OF COUNSEL



Gaines's Profile

Gaines is Of Counsel in the Health Care Practice at Maynard Cooper and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Elder Care team.

He focuses his practice in the health care sector, counseling clients regarding regulatory, compliance, Medicaid and Medicare, and HIPAA issues. In particular, Gaines advises health care providers facing the challenges and complexities of elder care law as they relate to health care services. In addition to his health care focus, Gaines works closely with clients in the firm's Estate Planning and Senior Living practice groups to advise on legal issues involving elder care.

Prior to joining Maynard Cooper, Gaines served as the Interim Director of the Elder Law Clinic at the University of Alabama School of Law where he taught the Elder Law Clinic. He also directed a pilot medical-legal partnership project for the elderly at a rural hospital located in Carrollton, AL, under a state grant in partnership with the University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences. In addition, Gaines also worked as an attorney with the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program, representing children with disabilities concerning the provision of special education and related services. Before entering the public interest field, Gaines was in private practice for six years with a firm in Tuscaloosa, AL, where his practice was concentrated in the areas of litigation, estate planning, probate, and general practice matters.

Gaines received his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he served as Managing Editor of the Journal of the Legal Profession. He earned his B.A., cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Birmingham-Southern College, and his M.M. degree from the University of Alabama.

Gaines's Awards

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Gaines's Affiliations and Civic Involvement

Affiliations

- National Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- American Bar Association
- Alabama State Bar Association, 2018 Leadership Forum Class
- Tuscaloosa County Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association

Civic Involvement

- West Alabama Long Term Care Ombudsman Advisory Council
- Habitat for Humanity of Tuscaloosa Board of Directors, 2011 - 2016, Executive Committee
- Board of the Friends of Alabama Public Radio, 2009 - 2014, Executive Committee
- Advance Directive Task Force with faculty and students of the University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, 2016
- Guest speaker, Leadership Development Through Service, University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences, 2011 - 2015
- Guest speaker, The Business of Non-profits, University of Alabama Honors College, 2011 - 2015
- Frequent Guest speaker, community, church and civic organizations, addressing topics of interest in estate and healthcare planning

Bar Admissions

State Bar: Alabama

U.S. District Court: Alabama (Northern, Middle, Southern)

Education

- University of Alabama School of Law
 - (2006, J.D.)
- University of Alabama School of Music
 - (2000, M.M. in Music)
- Birmingham-Southern College
 - (1998, B.A., cum laude, in Music, Minor in German)