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Born and raised in Americus, Georgia, Bardin Hooks received his B.A. in History from The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee in 2003, where he was a member of the varsity golf team, Red Ribbon Society, and Order of Gownsmen. During the summer of 2002, Bardin studied abroad at St. John's College, Oxford University.

Bardin graduated from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 2007, earning a J.D., as well as a Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting. While at Mercer, he was active in several student organizations and was a member of the William A. Bootle American Inn of Court.

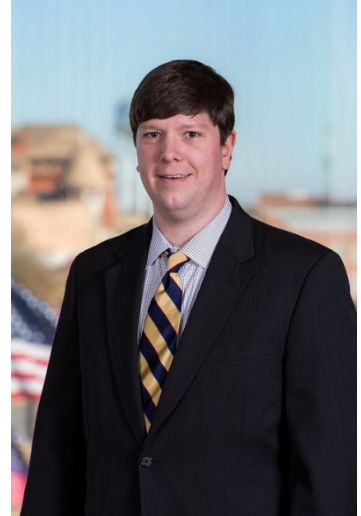
After being admitted to the State Bar in 2007, Bardin was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia and primarily represented executive branch agencies in hearings before the State Board of Workers' Compensation. He also advised the state in matters concerning insurance and risk management policy.

Following his service as an Assistant Attorney General, Bardin entered private practice, as an associate attorney with two large litigation firms in the metro Atlanta area. His practice was primarily focused in the area of workers' compensation defense and third-party subrogation litigation, and he represented numerous insurance companies, self-insured employers, and third-party administrators throughout the State of Georgia.

In 2014, Bardin and Justin Arnold founded Arnold & Hooks, LLC, in Americus, Georgia. Bardin has been awarded an AV Preeminent – the highest peer review rating established by Martindale-Hubbell.

Bardin serves as a Board Member of the Americus Housing Authority, and he is a former Board Member and Treasurer of the Americus-Sumter County Hospital Authority. He also serves as a member of the State Disciplinary Board - Investigative Panel, which investigates attorney violations of the State Bar of Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct.

Bardin and his wife, Hayden, live in Americus and are the proud parents of a son, George, and a Cocker Spaniel, Lettie. He and his family are members of Calvary Episcopal Church in Americus, where he serves as a lay minister and a member of the vestry.



Education

- Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law, Macon, Georgia;
Juris Doctor, 2007; Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, & Drafting, 2007.
- The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee;
Bachelor of Arts in History, 2003; Minor in Political Science.
- Southland Academy, Americus, Georgia, *1999 Graduate.*

Specializations

- Real Estate Transactions, Title Insurance, & Foreclosure Proceedings
- Corporate, Small Business, & Contracts
- Estate Planning, Probate, & Estate Administration
- Local Government Law
- Civil Litigation
- Banking and Financial Institutions
- Workers' Compensation
- Personal Injury



Honors & Activities

- AV Preeminent Peer Rated – Martindale-Hubbell
- Americus-Sumter County Hospital Authority, *former Board Member & Treasurer*
- State Bar of Georgia Disciplinary Board - Investigative Panel, *Board Member*
- Americus Housing Authority, *Commissioner/Board Member*
- Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, *Troop 21 – Americus, GA*
- Southwestern Circuit Bar Association, *Secretary*
- GeorgiaForward, *Young Gamechangers*

Associations & Memberships

- State Bar of Georgia, *Admitted 2007*
- Georgia Supreme Court
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court – Middle District of Georgia