

## Biography

**Robert David Hall**  
**National Chair, iActor Online Casting Task Force**  
**'Coroner Dr. Robbins'**  
**CBS-TV'S "CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION"**

Character actor Robert David Hall plays quirky coroner, 'Dr. Albert Robbins', on the Emmy-nominated *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*. The CBS show, which is also syndicated internationally, is seen weekly by more than 27 million people in America alone. This fall the show will begin its eighth season.

In his 20-year career, Hall has amassed numerous credits in film and television. His feature film work includes: F.Gary Gray's "The Negotiator", starring Kevin Spacey and Samuel L. Jackson; Paul Verhoeven's "Starship Troopers", starring Casper Van Dien and Denise Richards and Michael Apted's "Class Action", starring Gene Hackman and Laurence Fishburne.

In 1978, an 18-wheel truck struck Hall's car and he was severely burned when his gas tank exploded, leading to the amputation of both legs. Today, he walks comfortably on two prosthetic limbs. It was Hall's role as a burn survivor in Apted's "Class Action" that most closely parallels his real life.

Hall's appearance in "Class Action" led to television guest-starring roles in "West Wing", "Brooklyn South", "Touched By An Angel", "Promised Land", "Love and War" and "Highway to Heaven" and recurring roles on "L.A. Law", "Family Law", "The Practice", "High Incident" and "Life Goes On". He also appeared in the role of 'Samson' in the TNT Emmy-winning mini-series "Andersonville", directed by John Frankenheimer.

In addition to acting, Hall's voice can be heard on hundreds of commercials, animated series and narrations. He also has a keen interest in music, playing the guitar and performing with his band. For more than four years, he was the daytime voice and music director of KNX-FM, a legendary CBS alternative music station in Los Angeles.

A devoted community activist and one of the most prominent disabled actors working today, Hall proudly serves on the Board of Directors of the National Organization on Disability.

He just completed his term as a National Board Member of the Screen Actors Guild and is National Chairman of the Performers with Disabilities Caucus for SAG, AFTRA and EQUITY. He sits on the boards of The Mark Taper Forum's "Other Voices Project", and The Media Access Office. He is a member of the Mutual Amputee Foundation and often visits recent amputees.

On March 23, 2005, he had the honor of giving the closing remarks at the presentation of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt International Disability Award for the year 2004, to King Abdullah II of Jordan at the United Nations General Assembly. The award acknowledges Jordan's exemplary efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities in their country. Following the presentation, Hall enjoyed a conversation with the King, who is quite a "CSI" fan.

In demand as a public speaker, Hall spends time addressing a variety of organizations including The Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities, The Amputee Coalition of America, and the World Burn Congress. This summer he was the keynote speaker at the Vermont Governor's Summit on the Employment of People with Disabilities. He specifically spoke to needs of young adults with disabilities transitioning into the workplace.

In 2007 he was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Community Colleges. He received the 2006 Ivy Bethune Diversity Trailblazers Award from Screen Actors Guild and The 1998 Harold Russell Award from the Media Access Office. This award is presented to actors who serve as role models for other disabled actors.

In 2005, Hall and his "C.S.I." cast mates won the Screen Actors Guild's Actor Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series. "C.S.I." received the People's Choice Award for Favorite Television Dramatic Series in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and the TV Guide Award for New Series of the Year, in 2001.

Hall, who graduated from UCLA, lives with his wife Judy in the Los Angeles area. He is also the proud father of an adult son, Andrew Hall.