

Dwight L. Smith

Lawyer

LAW PRACTICE

Robinett Swartz & Duren, 2022 - present (Of Counsel)
Dwight L. Smith, P.L.L.C., 2003 - 2022
Levinson & Smith, P.L.L.P., 1985 - 2003
Eller & Detrich, 1981 - 1985

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

American Arbitration Association, National Panel of Commercial Arbitrators, 2011 - present
Dispute Resolution Consultants panel of mediators and arbitrators, 2020 - present

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Commercial transactions; commercial dispute resolution, including litigation and alternative dispute resolution (mediation and arbitration); banking; wills; trusts; estates and probate

EDUCATION

University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma
J.D., May, 1981, with honors
University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma
B.S., Mass Media News, May, 1978, with honors
Pepperdine University School of Law
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution
Summer Professional Skills Program - *A Systematic Approach to Mediation Strategies* June, 2007
American Arbitration Association University
Arbitration Fundamental and Best Practices for New AAA Arbitrators, January, 2011

HONORS

Martindale-Hubble Peer Review Rating – AV Preeminent 1992 - present
Best Lawyers in America (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law)
Oklahoma Super Lawyers (Business and Corporate and Alternative Dispute Resolution)
Tulsa's Top Lawyers – *Tulsa People Magazine*

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

American Arbitration Association

Member of the AAA National Panel Commercial Arbitrators – 2011 - present
Member of the AAA National Panel Consumer Arbitrators – 2021 - present

Tulsa County District Court

Adjunct Settlement Judge, Project Early Settlement – May, 2005 - Present

American Bar Association – Board of Elections

Member, 2019 - 2020 (Board of Governors Appointment)

American Bar Association – Veteran’s Legal Services Commission

Co-Chair, 2016 - 2017 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association – House of Delegates

Member, Resolution and Impact Review Committee, 2014 - 2015

Member, Committee on Rules & Calendar, 2009 - 2010

Member, Select Committee of the House, 2008 - 2009

Member, 1992 - 1995; 1999 - 2002; 2007 - 2016

American Bar Association -- Commission on the Future of Legal Services

Member, 2014 - 2016 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association -- Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services

Chair, 2013 - 2014 (Presidential Appointment)

Member, 2012 - 2013 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association - Pricing Strategy Advisory Group

Member, 2013 (President & President-Elect Appointment)

American Bar Association - Standing Committee on Group and Prepaid Legal Services

Chair, 2009 - 2012 (Presidential Appointment)

Opening Speaker, 2011, Denver, CO National Summit on The Future of Legal Service Plans:

Expanding Access to Justice for Persons of Modest Income – *A Primer on Access to Justice for Persons of Modest Means Through Legal Services Plans*

American Bar Association – Standing Committee on Public Education

Chair, 2006 - 2009 (Presidential Appointment)

Member, 2004 - 2006 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association - Youth at Risk Commission (Presidential Initiative)

Chair, 2006 - 2007

American Bar Association – National Security Debates Enterprise Fund Project

Co-Chair, 2007 - 2008 (Joint Project ABA Standing Committees on Law and National Security and Public Education)

American Bar Association - General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division (30,000+ Members)

Section Delegate to ABA House of Delegates: 1999 - 2002; 2007 - 2016

Chair, 2005 - 2006

Chair-Elect, 2004 - 2005

Vice-Chair, 2003 - 2004
Secretary, 2002 - 2003
Member, Governing Council, 1995 - 2016
Director, 2001 - 2003
Chair, Marketing Board, 1998 - 2000
Chair, Nominating Committee, 1999 - 2000
Member, Nominating Committee, 2000 - 2001
Chair, *GP Link*: Conference of State and Local Bars, 1994 - 1996
Member, Long Range Planning Committee 1996 - 2003
Member, Marketing Board, 1996 - 1998
Member, Membership Board, 1996 - 1997; 2001 - 2002
Member, Chair-Elect Planning Committees, 1995 - 2004
Member, By-Laws Committee, 2001 - 2002
Member, Meeting Arrangement Committee (Fall Meeting Chair), 2000 - 2001
Member, Meeting Arrangement Committee (Fall Meeting Program Chair), 2003 - 2004
Member, Meeting Arrangement Committee (Fall Meeting Program Chair), 2001 - 2002
Member, Scope & Correlation Committee, 2001 - 2002

American Bar Association -- American Jury Project

Member, 2004 - 2005 (Presidential Appointment -- Presidential Initiative)

American Bar Association -- Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements

Member, 2003 - 2004 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association -- Commission on State Court Funding

Member, 2003 - 2004 (Presidential Appointment -- Presidential Initiative)

American Bar Association -- Standing Committee on Judicial Independence

Member, 2001 - 2003 (Presidential Appointment)

Member, Advisory Council, 2000 - 2001 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association - Standing Committee on Solo and Small Firm Practitioners

Chair, 1997 - 2000 (Presidential Appointment)

Member, 1995 - 1997 (Presidential Appointment)

American Bar Association - Young Lawyers Division

Executive Council and Cabinet, 1990 - 1995

Division Delegate to ABA House of Delegates, 1992 - 1995

Director, *Bar Leadership Development Project*, 1991 - 1992

Director, *Affiliate Outreach Project*, 1990 - 1991

Affiliate Outreach Project, National Conferences, 1989 - 1990

Contributing Author, *Bar Leadership Handbook*, 1990

YLD Liaison to the ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar,
1992 - 1994

Delegate to numerous annual and mid-year meetings of the Division's Assembly, 1986 – 1992

Oklahoma Bar Association

Member, *Clients' Security Fund*, 2007 - 2010
Member, *Resolutions Committee*, 2006 - 2008
Member, *Transition to Practice Committee*, 2000
Member, *Mandatory Post Admission Task Force*, 1997 - 1998
Chair, *Long Range Planning Committee*, 1994 - 1996
Recipient, *Outstanding Young Lawyer Award*, 1989
Chair, *Young Lawyers Division*, 1988
Ex Officio Member, *Board of Governors*, 1988
Fellow, *Oklahoma Bar Foundation*
CLE Lecturer, *Tips for Conducting a Successful Mediation and Managing Difficult Parties*, 2024
CLE Lecturer, *Representing the Builder – Contract Considerations*, 2010
CLE Lecturer, *Client Intake and Conflicts: The Initial Interview*, 2009
CLE Lecturer, *Perfecting the Attorney Client Relationship: Communication and Contracts*, 2005
CLE Lecturer, *Symposium 2000: Creating the Future -- Leadership and Change*, 2000
CLE Lecturer, *Multi-Disciplinary Practice -- Friend or Foe*, 1999
CLE Lecturer, *Dealing with Parties - Clients, Attorneys and Judges*, 1992 - 1999
CLE Lecturer, *Communicating with Judges*, 1991
Bench and Bar Committee, 1989 - 1991
Board of Directors, *Young Lawyers Division*, 1985 - 1989

Tulsa County Bar Association

CLE Lecturer, *Maximizing Your Potential for Success at Mediation*, 2017
Vice President and Member of Executive Committee, 1992 - 1993
Secretary and Member of Executive Committee, 1991 - 1992
Board of Directors, 1989-90; 1991-93, 1994 - 1996
Delegate or Alternate Delegate to Oklahoma Bar House of Delegates, 1990 - 1996; 2001 - 2003
Long Range Planning Committee, 1993 - 1994; 1996 - 1997
Budget Committee, 1993 - 1995
Mentor Committee, 1994 - 1995
Grievance Committee, 1989 - 1991
Recipient, *Outstanding Young Lawyer Award*, 1988
Law Day Committee, 1983 - 1984
Charter Member, *Tulsa County Bar Foundation*
CLE Lecturer, *Maximizing Your Potential for Success at Mediation*, 2017

Other

Director, *The Exchange Bank of Skiatook*, 2023- Present
Advisory Director, *The Exchange Bank of Skiatook*, 2010 - 2023
Board of Directors, *Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma*, 2008 - 2019 (Oklahoma Bar Association Designee); President 2015 - 2016; Vice-President 2013 and 2014; Member Executive Committee, 2011 - 2017
Board of Directors, *Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation*, 2019 - present
Chair, *Tulsa Fund Drive for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma*, 2006 - 2007
Co-Chair, *Tulsa Fund Drive for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma*, 2003 - 2005
President, *Independent School District Number 8 (Sperry Public Schools) Board of*

Education, 1988 - 2008; Vice President, 1987; Member, 1986 - 2008

Member, University of Tulsa Alumni Association (Tulsa Chapter) Board of Directors,
2007 - 2013
Member, Golden Hurricane Club Board of Directors (University of Tulsa Athletic Booster Club),
2013 - 2015
Inductee -- *Oklahoma State School Boards Association* 2001 All-State School Board
Organizer and Charter Director, *Sperry Public Schools Foundation*, 1994 - 2008
Outstanding Alumni, *Sperry Public Schools*, 1996
Outstanding Citizen Award, Town of Sperry, Oklahoma, 2001
Board of Directors, *Leadership Tulsa*, 1993 - 1996
Leadership Tulsa *Class XIX*, 1992 - 1993
Board of Directors, *American Judicature Society*, 1992 - 1994
W. Lee Johnson Chapter American Inns of Court Barrister, 1989 - 1991
Municipal Court Judge, Sperry, Oklahoma, 1991 - 1994
Skiatook Area Reservoir Authority Trustee, 1984 - 1989

PERSONAL

Married to Vicki Lynn DeShong Smith, January 9, 1976

Three Children:

Cmdr. Brandon D. Smith, USN;
Ashley DeShong Louie, Ph.D; and
Mst.Sgt. Parker Lee Smith, USAF