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EDUCATION J.D. Indiana University Maurer School of Law

For over thirty years, Amy Smith has practiced in litigation, concentrating on appellate, business, energy, and class action litigation. Ms. Smith has a broad range of litigation experience in both state and federal courts. She is the leader of the firm's Appellate Team.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Appeared as counsel of record in several class actions and other complex cases in state and federal court, including gas royalty litigation, oil and gas leasing litigation, gas pipeline litigation, employment discrimination litigation, and wage and hour litigation

Appeared as counsel of record in numerous state and federal appeals involving jurisdictional, constitutional, statutory, and procedural issues of first impression

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1993 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
- 1993-1996 Adjunct Faculty Member, West Virginia University College of Law
- 1992-1993 Brownstein, Zeidman & Lore, Washington, D.C.
- 1989-1992 Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C.
- 1987-1989 Law Clerk, The Honorable Leroy J. Contie, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Dismissal of Malicious Prosecution Claim on Pleadings Affirmed by West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

Long-Awaited Intermediate Court of Appeals Approved by West Virginia Governor

Author, "West Virginia Appellate Litigation," Practical Law (Thompson Reuters March 2018)

Author, "Litigation Overview: West Virginia," Practical Law (Thompson Reuters March 2018)

Speaker, "What is Jurisdictional after the Supreme Court's Decision in Hamer v. Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago?" WVCLE Litigation Conference, Canaan Valley Resort (February 2018)

Speaker, "2015 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," West Virginia College of Law, Solo and Small Firm Conference (September 2015)

Author, "The History and Evolution of Amicus Curiae in West Virginia," The West Virginia Lawyer (July-September 2013)

Author, "Supreme Court Holds No Appeal on Denial of Summary Judgment after Trial on Merits," Vol. 30, No. 3 ABA Appellate Practice Journal (Spring 2011)

Author, "Mohawk Industries, Inc. v. Carpenter: Signaling the Future of Interlocutory Appeals," Vol. 29, No. 3 ABA Appellate Practice Journal 11 (Spring 2010)

Co-author, "Class Action Fairness Act of 2005: Federal Jurisdiction, Exceptions to the Exercise of Jurisdiction and Burdens of Proof," 29 Energy & Min. L. Inst. 2 (2008)

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

The Best Lawyers in America®

Board of Editors, Appellate Practice Journal, American Bar Association

Appellate Practice Committee, American Bar Association

Section of Litigation, American Bar Association

Appointed to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals Committee on the Revision of the West Virginia State Bar By-Laws and Rules and Regulations

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Harrison County Chamber of Commerce

Advancement Chair, Boy Scouts of America, Allohak Council

Team Leader, Harrison County Relay for Life