

CLIFTON M. SMART, III

BUSINESS

General Counsel

ADDRESS:

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PERSONAL:

Born: Blytheville, Arkansas
9-9-60

Spouse: Gail Smart

Children: Murray Smart (age 21)
James Smart (age 18)

EDUCATION:

Fayetteville High School (1979)
Fayetteville, Arkansas
• Valedictorian

Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana
• B.A. with high honors in Political Science (1983)
• Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA)
• Tulane Scholar
• 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship
• Phi Beta Kappa (Scholastic fraternity)
• Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership fraternity)
• Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Social Fraternity)
• Baptist Student Union President

University of Arkansas School of Law
Fayetteville, Arkansas
• J.D. with high honors (1986) (3.95 GPA)
• Leflar Scholarship (given to top 2 students in each entering class)
• Oxford Scholar
• Law Review
• Omicron Delta Theta (Law fraternity)

EMPLOYMENT:

General Counsel
Missouri State University
Springfield, Missouri
(December 2007 to present)

The Strong Law Firm
Springfield, Missouri
(1992-2007)

- Shareholder (1/1/95)
- Vice President (1/1/98)

Wright, Lindsey & Jennings
Little Rock, Arkansas
(1990-1992)

- Associate

**MILITARY
SERVICE:**

U.S. Army (1986-1990)
Judge Advocate General's Corps.

- Captain, Trial Defense Service
Ft. Knox, Kentucky
- Meritorious Service Medal recipient

LICENSED:

Arkansas (1986)
Missouri (1992)

RECOGNITION:

AV rated lawyer
Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*

- Product liability
- Personal injury
- Professional negligence

Missouri Super Lawyer

**CURRENT LEGAL
ORGANIZATIONS:**

Arkansas Bar Association
Missouri Bar Association

- Member of Civil Rules Committee (2002 to present)

Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association

- Member 1992 to present
- Board of Directors (2001-2004)
- Bench and Bar Committee (2004-2006)
- In-House Lawyer Committee (2007 to present) (Chair 2009)
- Trial Practice Committee (2009)

**NOMINATIONS
AND ELECTIONS:**

I was selected to the panel of three applicants submitted to the Governor for the vacant Missouri Supreme Court positions in 2002 and 2004.
I was elected as one of the two lawyer members of the 31st Circuit Judicial Commission in February, 2009 (5 year term).

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT:**

Arc of the Ozarks Board of Directors (Vice Chair 2010; Chair 2011)

- Litigation Committee
- Advancement Committee
- Human Resources Committee (Chair 2010)
- Christmas Extravaganza Committee (Chair 2010 and 2011)

Springfield Regional Opera Board of Directors (2010 to present)(Chair 2011)

Member, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri

Active with Springfield Public Schools and Springfield Public School Foundation

Youth Sports Coach

Instructor, Institute for Paralegal Education (2001, 2003)

**SELECTED
PUBLICATIONS
&
PRESENTATIONS:**

- Ethics Seminar, SMBA
(June 2011, Springfield, Missouri)
- New Expert Disclosure Rules, SMBA
(September 2009, Springfield, Missouri)
- The Obstetrical Birth Injury Case, Cox Health
(October 2007, Springfield, Missouri)
- Damages in Wrongful Death Cases, Trial Skills Conference
(November 2006, Fayetteville, Arkansas)
- Proving Economic Losses, SMBA Personal Injury Seminar
(August 2006, Springfield, Missouri)
- Jury Psychology & Trial Tactics in Auto Products Cases
(August 2006, Denver, Colorado)
- How the Defense Evaluates Your Medical Malpractice Case, MATA
(June 2006, Lake Ozark, Missouri)
- Hearsay, Trial & Federal Practice Seminar, SMBA
(February 2005, Springfield, Missouri)
- Missouri Tort Reform, SMBA Personal Injury Seminar
(February 2005, Springfield, Missouri)
- Analyzing Medical Records for the Missouri Paralegal
The Institute for Paralegal Education (2004)
- Protecting Your Verdict, MATA
(November 2003, Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri)
- Advanced Civil Discovery for the Litigation Paralegal in Missouri
The Institute for Paralegal Education (2001)
- The Peer Review Privilege: What Documents are Protected from Discovery in Litigation
Missouri Medicine Magazine (1998)