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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Smith focuses his practice on personal injury litigation, including medical malpractice, wrongful death, birth injury, nursing home negligence, and similar matters. He brings more than twenty years of experience in medical malpractice litigation, including extensive prior work representing healthcare professionals and institutions, which informs his approach to case evaluation, litigation strategy, and risk assessment.

Mr. Smith is also a registered nurse with fourteen years of critical care and intensive care unit experience. His clinical background informs his legal analysis by combining a detailed understanding of medical decision-making with an awareness of patient-care considerations. This dual perspective allows him to efficiently analyze medical records, assess standards of care, and work effectively with medical experts in medically complex cases.

Mr. Smith previously served in the United States Army as a Cavalry Scout and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Catastrophic & Personal Injury: National & Regional

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EDUCATION

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, 2005, J.D.

University of Louisville, 2001, B.S., Nursing, cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Kentucky

U.S. Court of Appeals: Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court: Western District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Kentucky

RECOGNITIONS

- AV Preeminent®: Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Member: Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing
- Member: Kentucky Bar Association