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Practice Areas

[Banking & Financial Services](#)

[Bankruptcy, Workouts & Financial Restructuring](#)

[Corporate & Business Transactions](#)

[Employment Law](#)

[Family Law & Divorce](#)

[Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)

[Real Estate Law](#)

[Tax Law](#)

Pete Smith's practice consists primarily of business litigation, commercial transactions, bankruptcy, financial restructuring, and labor and employment law. He is a skilled litigator and adept problem-solver who handles a wide variety of complex business and financial matters.

In addition to understanding the law, Mr. Smith has hands-on experience with how businesses actually work, owning several banks and co-founding Electronic Processing, Inc. (EPI), a computer firm that provided data processing services in every United States Bankruptcy Court in the nation (1964-1983).

Mr. Smith also serves as the firm's Chairman, leads several of the firm's practice groups and is a frequent lecturer and speaker to creditor, banking, and accounting groups and to lawyers.

Distinctions

[Distinction selection information](#)

The Missouri Bar "Senior Counselor" Status - Achieved in 2020

Ingram's 250 Most Powerful and Influential Business Leaders: Included on list 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Best Divorce Lawyers in Kansas City, 2020

Selected to Serve as 2017-2018 Campaign Chair of United Way of Wyandotte County

Dean of The Trial Bar

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Selected as Best of the Bar by The Kansas City Business Journal, 2003, 2007, 2008

Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2005 to the present

Easy Lawyer: R. Pete Smith

Best Lawyers in America, 1987 to present

AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale Hubbell

Legal Industry Outlook: Ingram's 2015

Memberships

American Association for Justice

The Missouri Bar

Kansas Bar Association

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Community

Pete has been an active supporter of community service over the years. A few of the organizations that Pete has contributed services and/or support to include:

- Midwest Innocence Project Kansas City (Past President)
- Kansas City Kansas Area Chamber of Commerce (former Chair, Board of Directors)
- Kansas City Area Economic Development Council
- United Way
- YMCA
- American Red Cross, Wyandotte County chapter (Member and Board of Directors)

Education

University of Missouri at Kansas City (J.D., 1970, *magna cum laude*, Order of Bench and Robe, Editor-in-chief, UMKC Law Review)

University of Kansas (B.S., 1967, Accounting, Beta Gamma Sigma, Business School International Honor Society)

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Tax Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal
Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of
Kansas
U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Missouri

Bar Admissions

Missouri

Kansas