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R. Troy Smith is a distinguished litigator with an impressive track record spanning over 25 years, earning him a reputation as a “go-to” lawyer for high-stakes litigation. His practice now centers on navigating the landscape of business and contractual disputes throughout the state of Florida. Troy’s legal work has been repeatedly recognized by Super Lawyers and Florida Trend’s Legal Elite. He is also listed in The Best Lawyers in America (Litigation: Intellectual Property Practice and Commercial Litigation Practice).

Troy is a member of both the Federal Bar Association and the Jacksonville Bar Association. He previously served on the Board of Governors of the JBA Young Lawyers Section, as well as the Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee and Constitution Revision Subcommittee of the Florida Bar. He currently serves on the American Inns of Court, the Chester Bedell Inn of Court, the Christian Legal Society, and with LifeWork Leadership First Coast/Jacksonville.

Troy received his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University in 1993, and a law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 1996. Prior to joining the Bedell team as a Director in 2024, Troy was a partner with two of the largest international and Florida-based law firms with offices located in Jacksonville, Florida. He also currently serves as a deacon and care team leader at the Church of Eleven22. In his free time, Troy enjoys playing golf, watching sports, and spending time with his family.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Class Action Defense Law
- Religious Organizations
- Product Liability and Toxic Tort
- Personal Injury

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 1996
- B.S., Vanderbilt University, Political Science and Cognitive Studies, with honors, 1993

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- The Best Lawyers in America
 - Litigation – Intellectual Property Practice, 2021-2023
 - Commercial Litigation Practice, 2021-2025
- AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Super Lawyers – Business Litigation, 2014-2025
- Florida Trend, Legal Elite

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- Alliance Defending Freedom – Affiliate Attorney
- American Inns of Court
- Chester Bedell Inn of Court – Master
- Federal Bar Association
- Jacksonville Bar Association
 - Board of Governors, Young Lawyers Section, 2002-2007
 - Secretary, Young Lawyers Section, 2007
 - Treasurer, Young Lawyers Section, 2006
- Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2023, Table Coach 2024
- LifeWork Leadership, First Coast/Jacksonville, Class of 2023
- The Florida Bar Association
 - Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, 2014-2018
 - Constitution Revision Subcommittee, 2016-2018
- Christian Legal Society
- Angelwood, Inc.
 - Board of Directors
- Church of Eleven22
 - Deacon
 - Care Team Leader

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

- “Saying J&J Rival Shows ‘No Respect,’ Judge Issues Sales Ban,” Law360, February 23, 2023
- “Fla. Jury Says J&J Unit is Owed \$59.5M in Implant Patent Fight,” Law360, January 13, 2023
- “Fla. Judge Order Halt to Infringing Canine Implant Sales,” Law360, February 8, 2023
- “Carlton Fields Defending GrayRobinson Patent Infringement Suit Over Air Fryer,” Daily Business Review, February 1, 2022