

MARK DONALD SMITH
Attorney and Counselor at Law

Personal

Born January 11, 1961, Syracuse, New York.

Professional Background

In 1987 began his career as a Law Clerk with Ramirez & Associates, P.C. assisting the Firm's attorneys on corporate, litigation and transactional matters, and became an associate attorney upon becoming licensed in 1990, thereby becoming involved in all aspects of the Firm's areas of practice and soon developing new areas such as corporate and personal confidences.

Principal Areas Of Practice

Corporate and Business Entities

Advising on, forming, structuring, updating and counseling on all legal aspects of corporations, joint ventures, partnerships and other forms of business entities for doing business internationally, in interstate commerce and in Texas.

Financial and Commercial

Negotiating and documenting business agreements, sales transactions, secured and unsecured loans and other financial arrangements; advising on and documenting all aspects of doing business in Texas and interstate commerce.

Civil Litigation

Handling domestic and international litigation and arbitration of matters in its related areas of practice, including business disputes and real estate litigation; and, as consulting counsel, providing litigation support services on international procedural and enforcement aspects, to other counsel.

Real Estate

Structures and documents commercial real estate transactions representing either buyers or sellers, including their aspects of construction and financing.

School Law

Advising and representing Texas independent school districts in the areas of: Special Education and Section 504, both in compliance and litigation matters; real property acquisitions both by contract and by eminent domain proceedings; and damage defense litigation generally..

Education

Bachelor of Business Administration; University of Texas at Austin (1985) Doctor of Jurisprudence; Southern Methodist University School of Law (1989)

Professional Admissions

State Bar of Texas (1990)

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1990)

Professional Affiliations

Dallas Bar Association

State Bar of Texas, Business Law and Litigation Law Section