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Education

Temple University School of Law, J.D., cum laude
Temple University, B. S., magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania, U.S.
District Court, Eastern
District of Pennsylvania

Biography

Peter Smith is a partner of the firm, and leads the [Business & Finance](#) and [Real Estate](#) practice groups. Peter is a business lawyer and trusted partner to his corporate clients. He has been solving problems and adding value for business owners for over 30 years. Peter's practice focuses on [corporate law](#), business transactions, [mergers and acquisitions](#), private placements, contracts, commercial finance, business disputes, [non-profit organizations](#), real estate, and trusts and estates. He counsels businesses involved in manufacturing, distribution, marketing, retail, hospitality, e-commerce, technology, [health care](#), pharmaceutical research, consulting, professional services, [real estate](#) and construction. In addition, Peter has experience with start-up ventures, family-owned businesses, limited liability companies and 501(c)(3) public charities. He also represents individuals and families in estate and business succession planning.

For fourteen years, Peter has been selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers®. The attorneys listed in Super Lawyers® are limited to the top 5% of Pennsylvania attorneys practicing in their field. Peter also has been named a Philadelphia Top Rated Lawyer®, an Awesome Attorney, a Lawyer of Distinction and just celebrated his 23rd year of being rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell®. This is the highest possible peer review rating issued by Martindale Hubbell® for both legal ability and ethical standards. In 2024, ALM/Law.com named Peter a Finalist in Pennsylvania for its "Most Effective Dealmaker" award.

Peter graduated cum laude from Temple University School of Law, and magna cum laude from Temple University with a degree in psychology. He has interned for two federal judges; the Honorable Herbert Hutton in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Honorable Joseph Rodriguez in the United States District Court in Camden, New Jersey.

In addition to his legal practice, Peter regularly writes and speaks on business related topics such as: Exit Planning, Business Succession Planning, Incentive Plans for Key Employees, Buy-Sell, Shareholder and Operating Agreements, Non-Profit Formation, Boards and Fiduciary Duties, Using Letters of Intent, Restrictive Covenants, and Estate Planning Basics. He also participates in continuing legal education courses to other lawyers, and is active in his community and church in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Professional Memberships

Bucks County Bar Association

Civic Associations

Bucks County Community College Foundation Board of Directors (2019-present), Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Secretary

Bucks County Bar Association, Business Law Committee

Business Network Group of Bucks County (2008-2018) Founder, President, Board of Directors

Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (2004-2011), Board of Directors, Ambassador's Committee, Technology Committee

St. Andrew Catholic Education Center, Father's Guild, Committee Member (2008-2019)

Villa Joseph Marie High School, Father's Club, Golf Committee (2017-present)

Temple University School of Law Alumni Association

Awards, Honors

AV® Preeminent™ rated by Martindale Hubbell® (2001- present)

Super Lawyer® - Business/Corporate (2009-2013, 2017-2026)

"Most Effective Dealmaker" ALM/Law.com Pennsylvania Legal Awards (Finalist 2024)

Awesome Attorneys/Top Lawyers® - Philadelphia Life/Suburban Life (2013-2019)

Philadelphia Top Rated Lawyers® (2012-2014, 2018)

Lawyers of Distinction (2020)

Bucks County Community College, Community Service Award (2016)