

GRASFORD W. SMITH

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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA
Executive Education (Emerging Leaders) Certificate, July 2016

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management, Ithaca, NY
Business Strategy Certificate (Successfully Completed Six Courses), January 2015

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2005

Honors: Dean's Scholar; Vanderbilt Medal Graduation Award; University President's Service Award for Leadership
Activities: Journal of Law & Business, Founding Executive Editor
Constitutional Law (Prof. Derrick Bell); Lawyering (Asst. Prof. Jenny Roberts), Teaching Assistant

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, College of Business, Tallahassee, FL

B.S., summa cum laude, April 2002 GPA: Cumulative: 3.97/4.0 (ranked 2nd in Major)/Major GPA: 4.0/4.0

Honors: International Baccalaureate Diploma: Awarded sophomore standing upon matriculation
Florida Academic Scholarship: Full-tuition academic merit scholarship; Seminole Torchbearers
Alumni organization for exceptional student leaders; College of Business Achievement Scholarship; W.E.B. DuBois
Honor Society's Highest GPA Commendation; Phi Kappa Phi

Activities: Management Information Systems Association, President; Macroeconomic Principles, Teaching Assistant

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW, Davie, FL

Adjunct Professor, October 2016-Present

- Teach courses in the Master of Science in Law Program.

JONES FOSTER JOHNSTON & STUBBS, West Palm Beach, FL

Partner, January 2015-Present; Senior Counsel, May 2013-January 2015

- Business Litigation and Corporate: Represent a diverse clientele in a wide range of business transactions and disputes.

RICHMAN GREER, West Palm Beach, FL

Litigation Associate, April 2010-May 2013

- Complex civil litigation: Represent a diverse clientele in a wide range of business disputes, including counseling clients on commercial matters; participating in bench trials, arbitrations and mediations; drafting and arguing dispositive motions.

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY, West Palm Beach, FL

Litigation Associate, March 2008-April 2010; Summer Associate, July 2004-August 2004 (STEEL HECTOR & DAVIS)

- Complex commercial litigation: Represented a diverse clientele in business disputes, including drafting dispositive pleadings; taking and defending depositions; supervising attorneys and paralegals in large and complex discovery projects.

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM, New York, NY; Washington, D.C.

Litigation Associate, October 2005-January 2008; Summer Associate, May 2004-July 2004

- Complex civil and government enforcement litigation: Represented a diverse clientele in domestic and international business disputes. Performed internal investigations of publicly traded companies relating to government investigations.

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., New York, NY

Summer Associate, June 2003-August 2003

- Developed recommendations and drafted revisions for firmwide policies and procedures.

SELECTED AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS/PUBLICATIONS/STATE BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2015 Daily Business Review Rising Star; 2013 AV (Preeminent) Rating from Martindale-Hubbell; 2013 South Florida's Most Powerful Black Professionals in Business; 2011 Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40 by National Bar Association; 2011 - 2015 Rising Star in Florida Super Lawyers Magazine (top 2.5% based on peer review).
- Authored articles on contract and tort law in Daily Business Review (September 11, 2012 and March 15, 2013).
- New York, Admitted March 2006; District of Columbia, Admitted June 2007; Florida State Bar, Admitted August 2008.