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John V. Smith II is Shareholder who has concentrated his practice in civil litigation for more than 35 years. He regularly represents litigants in both state and federal court where he has obtained a significant number of verdicts for his clients. He has been selected as an Illinois Superlawyer by his peers. His experience and reputation have earned him the AV (highest) rating from Martindale-Hubbell. John has been honored by recognition in Marquis Who's Who in American Law.

He is a frequent lecturer and author on issues relating to trial tactics, civil litigation, environmental litigation, medical malpractice, and mediation. John has experience as a mediator as well as a board member of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution.

John has substantial experience in litigation involving medical malpractice defense, product liability including pharmaceutical products, and in business litigation.

Education

- University of Notre Dame, J.D.
- University of Notre Dame, A.B.

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Professional Experience

Professional Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Illinois Super Lawyers
- The Society of Trial Lawyers (Board of Directors)
- Defense Research Institute

Publications

- Books
 - *Handling Insurance Claims in Illinois*, Professional Education System, Inc., 1985.
- Book Chapters
 - Preparation of Defendant's Case, *Medical Hospital Negligence*, Callaghan & Company, 1988.
 - Institutional Negligence, *Medical Malpractice*, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1989, and Supplement, 1992.
 - Hospital and Institutional Liability, *Medical Malpractice*, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1996.
 - Successful Mediation: *Civil Liability and Court's Act 2004: Implications for Personal Injury Litigation* First Law 2005

Journals

- "The Supreme Court Workload Problem: Current Congressional Reforms," *Journal of Legislation*, 1982.
- "Physician-Patient Privilege: Interview Between Plaintiff's Physicians and Defense Attorneys," 66 *Chicago Bar Journal* 146. November 1984.

Lecturer

- John has served as a lecturer at Notre Dame Law School; John Marshall Law School; Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland); and the Chicago Bar Association

Related News

- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Leading Lawyers for 2019 by Leading Lawyers Advisory Board
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