

## Erica K. Smith Roodhouse

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### Overview

Erica Smith Roodhouse is Senior Counsel in the firm's Private Client Services Practice Group. She concentrates her practice in estate planning, tax planning, and probate and trust administration.

Mrs. Smith Roodhouse writes and speaks on various issues related to wills, trusts, estates, and guardianships. In addition, she is very active in several local professional associations. She is currently President-Elect of the Suncoast Estate Planning Council, a Board Member for the Pinellas Community Foundation, a Board Member and Governance Chair of the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, and a Church Council Member at First United Methodist Church- St. Petersburg. She has previously served as President of the St. Petersburg Bar Association (2016-2017), an organization serving approximately 1,000 local attorneys and judges, and as a member of the Hospice Professional Partners Council (5 years).

Ms. Smith Roodhouse was selected as a member of the 2017-2018 class of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Florida Fellows Institute, and she was a finalist in the Woman to Watch category of the 2015 Iconic Women of Vision Awards presented by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

### Honors and Distinctions

- Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Award 2018, Sixth Judicial Circuit (Pinellas and Pasco)

### Professional Involvement

- St. Petersburg Bar Association
  - Past President
  - Past Executive Committee Member (6 years)
  - Past Chair of the Young Lawyers section
  - Past Chair of the Real Property Section
- The Florida Bar
  - Real Property and Trust Law Section
- Suncoast Estate Planning Council, Board Member and President, 2022
  - President-Elect, 2020-2021
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Florida Fellows Institute

### Community Involvement

- St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Board Member and Governance Chair
- Pinellas Community Foundation, Board Member
- First United Methodist Church, Church Council
- Lawyers for Literacy, Tutor
- Community Law Program Volunteer
- Sixth Judicial Circuit, Master Guardian ad Litem



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### Practice Areas

- Private Client Services
- Estate and Trust Planning

### Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, honors program, Stetson University, 2007
- B.A., *phi beta kappa*, The College of William and Mary, 1999

### Admissions

Florida

## Thought Leadership

- "Estate Planning 101," Speaker, St. Petersburg Sunset Rotary Meeting, May 2022
- Gulf Coast Estate Planning Council Meeting, Speaker, May 2022
- "The Great Migration to Florida: What Estate Planners Need to Know About Community Property", Speaker, May 2022
- "[Two Halves = A Whole, A New Kind of Florida Trust](#)," Author, *St. Petersburg Bar Association Paraclete*, November 2021
- "Estate Planning for Physicians," Speaker, Hillsborough County Medical Association, October 2021
- "Community Property Issues (Chapter14) of Basic Estate Planning in Florida," Author, *The Florida Bar*, 2018