

## Erica K. Smith Senior Counsel

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### Overview

Erica Smith 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.

Ms. Smith 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 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



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### Practice Areas

[Private Client Services](#)

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### Education

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

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### Admissions

Florida

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

## **Thought Leadership**

- Community Property Issues (Chapter 14) of Basic Estate Planning in Florida, published by The Florida Bar

## **Presentations**

- Conversations: The Most Important Part of Advance Care Planning, Suncoast Estate Planning Council, March 2021
- Trust Intent and Interpretation, Pinellas Estate Planning Council, March 2021
- Guardianship 3-part Series, Institute of Strategic Policy Solutions, February 2021
- Estate Planning for Art Collectors, Florida CraftArt, 2019