

Kent P. Smith

Before retiring, Kent P. Smith practiced law full-time since 1966. He obtained his law degree cum laude at Washburn University in 1966, where he was on the Washburn Law Journal Editorial Board. In 1992, he was named the University's Alumni Fellow in Law. He also served on the Law School Association Board of Governors. Mr. Smith served as a law clerk to Judge Delmas C. Hill on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, then as attorney for the United States Atomic Energy Commission. He was recently recognized by Washburn University for his donation to the Washburn University School of Law building fund campaign, in honor of Judge Hill.

A member of the Georgia and Kansas Bars, Mr. Smith was also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Claims Court and the Fourth, Fifth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Federal U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal. Mr. Smith has been named a Georgia Super Lawyer, Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Lawyer, and one of Best Lawyers in America.

Kent represented owners and contractors regarding the award, performance, and resolution of disputes on various types of construction projects. His experience involved the representation of public and private owners, contractors, architects and engineers on office towers, hotels, hospitals, convention centers, hydroelectric dams, airport terminals and runways, water and sewer plants and distribution systems, barge canals, roads, highways, and bridges throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Guatemala, Venezuela, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain.

His professional activities have included the membership in the Construction Industry Forum, Litigation, and Public Contract Law Sections of the American Bar Association. He has lectured on various construction law topics for the Federal Bar Association, the American Arbitration Association, the Practising Law Institute, Federal Publications, the State Bar of Georgia, Emory University, Hamline University, the University of Wisconsin, and other education institutions and organizations. He was a guest lecturer at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he taught Legal Aspects of Architecture, Engineering, and Contracting.

He has authored numerous articles including "Contractor Default: How to Recognize It, What to do About It, and How to Finish the Project," The Florida Bar (5th Annual Construction Contract Litigation Seminar), "Preparing the Construction Case for Trial or Arbitration," Real Property Law Institute, State Bar of Georgia, Vol. 1, Co-Author, "Differing Site (Changed) Conditions," Federal Publications, Briefing Papers, 71-5, "Changed Condition in Dredging Contracts," World Dredging & Marine Construction, and "Claims and the Construction Prime," Federal Publications.