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Mr. Smith has significant experience in commercial litigation, including disputes with administrative agencies and appeals.

He has argued numerous appeals in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan Court of Appeals, including an argument to an appeals court that resulted in overturning an \$8 million product liability judgment against an automobile manufacturer. Mr. Smith has been recognized by *Michigan Super Lawyers* as a leading practitioner in the Appellate category.

Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2006*, Appellate

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

MR. SMITH'S RECENT MATTERS INCLUDE:

Hamilton v AAA Michigan, 248 Mich App 535 ; 639 NW 2d 837 (2001)

McGill v Automobile Association, 207 Mich App 402 ; 526 NW 2d 12 (1994)

Gilroy v General Motors Corp., 438 Mich 330 ; 475 NW 2d 271 (1991)

Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. v Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co., 887 F 2d 1295 (1989)

Union Carbide Corp. v Public Service Com., 431 Mich 135 ; 428 NW 2d 322 (1988)

U.S. v Graham Mortgage Corp., 740 F 2d 414 (1984)

Schultz v Newsweek, Inc., 668 F 2d 911 (1982)

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practices & industries

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education

University of Michigan Law
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professional affiliations

American Bar Association
Detroit Bar Association (DBA)
State Bar of Michigan