

## Caroline B. Smith

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### University Teaching Experience

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#### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

August 2024-present

*Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis and Communication*

Courses Taught: Legal Analysis and Communication I and II and Critical Reading

*Adjunct Professor*

Fall 2017

Course Taught: Legal Analysis and Communication III

#### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

*Graduate Assistant*

August 2011-May 2013

Courses Taught: Basic English, English Composition I and II

### Education

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#### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctorate, 2017

*Summa cum laude*

*Activities:*

- Law Review, Managing Editor
- Moot Court Board, External Appellate Competition Chair
  - Justice Jess Dickinson Award, for a student who is demonstrably committed to ethical conduct and civility, to respect for the law, to the practice as a learned profession, and to attaining the highest levels of legal knowledge and skill
  - Order of the Barristers, honor recognizing outstanding ability in oral advocacy and brief writing
  - National Order of the Scribes, honor recognizing graduating law students who excel in legal writing
  - Copeland, Cook, Taylor, & Bush Competition, quarterfinalist
  - Mississippi Moot Court Competition, semifinalist
  - 2016-2017 National Appellate Advocacy Competition Team, regional champion
  - 2016-2017 National Moot Court Competition, regional finalist and national octo-finalist
  - Rural Interdisciplinary Case Experience, champion
- Health Law Society (President, 2016-2017; Secretary, 2015-2016)
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, MC Law Chapter (Vice President, 2015-2016)
- Dean's Ambassador
- Women's Student Bar Association, member

*Honors:*

- Best Paper Awards: Bioethics, Business Associations, Civil Procedure I & II, Conflicts of Law, Criminal Law, Employment Discrimination, Ethics, Evidence, Health Care Law, Legal Writing I, II, & III, Medical Malpractice, Property, Themes in Comparative Constitutional Law, and Torts II
- Joey Phillips Memorial Award
- McGlinchey Stafford Award, for the student with the highest average at the end of the first year
- Robert M. Hearin Scholar
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Award, for a student best exemplifying the attributes of a successful defense attorney
- Mississippi Bar Foundation Award, presented to a student who the faculty believes exemplifies the attributes of a successful attorney
- Health Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Award, presented to a student who excels academically and shows promise in the area of health law
- Sam Wilkins Criminal Law Award
- Phi Delta Phi Award, awarded to the student earning the highest grade in the Ethics course
- Hederman Scholarship

**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

Master of Arts in English, 2013

*Honors:*

- 2013 Donald Zacharias Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, Master's Level
- Winner, 2012 Gender Studies Graduate Student Paper Competition
- Second Place Winner, 2013 Applied Research Oral Presentation, *Student and instructor perceptions of the use of online translators in English Composition*

**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bachelor of Arts in English, 2011  
*Summa cum laude*

*Honor:* Society of Scholars (predecessor to Mississippi State University's Phi Beta Kappa chapter, which maintained parallel requirements to those of Phi Beta Kappa)

**Papers, Book Chapters, and Selected Blogs**

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*Book Chapter*, Mississippi Civil Procedure, "Appellate Practice," Caroline B. Smith and Luther T. Munford, West.

*Article*, C. Smith, J. Rosenblatt, E. Lindsay, Fifth Circuit and Mississippi Law: Asked and Answered (Or Not), *Mississippi College Law Review*, Issue 2, Volume 43, forthcoming

*Blog*, LLCs & Jurisdictional Allegations in the Fifth Circuit: It's Membership, not Ownership, July 1, 2024, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/lcs-jurisdictional-allegations-in-the-9597915/>

*Blog*, Turtles All the Way Down? New Amendment Requires Disclosure of Ultimate Ownership of LLCs, May 11, 2022, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/turtles-all-the-way-down-new-amendment-7734434/>

*Blog*, You Don't Have to Sue the Plaintiffs at Home, But You Can't Stay Here, October 21, 2020, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/you-don-t-have-to-sue-the-plaintiffs-at-43924/>

*Blog*, Agreement Isn't Enough: The Fifth Circuit Examines Diversity Jurisdiction Sua Sponte, April 24, 2020, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/agreement-isn-t-enough-the-fifth-42340/>

*Blog*, Revisions to the Residual Exception Contained in Federal Rule of Evidence 807 Seek to Provide Clarity and Uniformity, July 17, 2019, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/revisions-to-the-residual-exception-22593/>

*Blog*, Sayonara Supersedeas? December 2018 Updates to the Bond Requirements in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, April 25, 2019, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/sayonara-supersedeas-december-2018-28973/>

*Thesis*, Student and instructor perceptions of the use of online translators in English Composition, (2013), available at <https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/td/4103>

## **Presentations**

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Guest Lecturer, "English Majors and the Law," English Studies, Mississippi State University, November 6, 2024.

Speaker, "Legal Writing in a TL;DR\* Culture: Sharpening your message for an increasingly busy audience," Mississippi Law Clerk and Judicial Staff Attorney CLE, October 2024.

Guest Lecturer, "English Majors and the Law," English Studies, Mississippi State University, November 7, 2023.

Speaker, "Non-Retained Experts: Leveraging the Opinions of Specialized Eye-Witnesses and Participants," Strafford Publishing, May 2021.

Speaker, "Practical Tips for Practice Before the Fifth Circuit," University of Mississippi Center for Continuing Legal Education, Ridgeland, Miss. October 26, 2018.

Speaker, “Student and Instructor Perceptions of Online Translators,” TESOL/Applied Linguistics Graduate Student Conference, East Carolina University, February 16, 2013.

### **Clerkship**

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit      August 2017-August 2018  
The Honorable Leslie H. Southwick

### **Legal Experience**

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Associate, Butler Snow LLP      August 2018-August 2024

Of Counsel, Butler Snow LLP      August 2024-present

- Achieved summary judgment on behalf of financial institution client on alleged liability for forged signatures.
- Achieved dismissal of putative class action lawsuit against client based on lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Secured affirmance of chancery court order involving judgment creditor’s attempt to charge the debtor’s interest in an estate.
- Secured affirmance of chancery court order related to trustee-client’s management of the trust at issue.
- Served as trial counsel in first-party insurance dispute, securing dismissal of bad faith and extracontractual claims.
- Secured partial summary judgment on contractors’ statute-of-repose affirmative defenses in multi-million dollar construction dispute, arguing that the statute of repose does not run against the State.
- Assisted in representation of publicly traded company in federal district court in Chicago, defeating TRO attempting to stop client’s \$7.5 billion transaction selling assets in 20 states.
- Secured dismissal on basis of failure to state a claim in negligent construction claim filed in federal court.
- Secured dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction in breach of contract claim filed in federal court against aviation company.
- Secured dismissal for failure to state a claim based on exclusive remedy defense provided by worker’s compensation laws in multi-plaintiff personal injury suit filed in federal court.

### **Service**

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Chair, Student Services Committee      August 2024-present

Member, Legal Analysis and Communication Committee      August 2024-present

Coach, Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition      Spring 2025

Advisor to student writing law review comment      2024-2025

**Professional Associations**

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Previously served in leadership positions in Mississippi Women Lawyers' Association; Jackson Young Lawyers; the Young Lawyers Division of the Mississippi Bar; and the Appellate Section of the Mississippi Bar

**Bar Admission**

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