

Thomas J. Smith



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For over 20 years, Tom Smith has defended hospitals and health care providers in medical malpractice litigation, and represented businesses in product liability, personal injury, class action, employment, and commercial litigation. Tom has successfully defended insurance companies, transportation companies, pharmaceutical companies, construction companies, real estate companies, and other businesses in professional negligence and personal injury lawsuits throughout Missouri and Illinois state and federal courts.

Representative Experience:

- Defense verdicts in the City of St. Louis in medical malpractice cases tried against the largest hospital in the St. Louis area.
- Defense verdicts for the largest taxi cab company in the City of St. Louis.
- Defense verdict in personal injury matter brought in federal district court against a local amusement park.
- Successfully represented health care professionals in matters before the State Board of Medical Examiners.
- Favorable jury verdict in personal injury claim arising from a boating accident at the Lake of the Ozarks.
- Successful defense of trucking companies, intermodal operators, school bus companies and other transportation companies in personal injury claims.
- Denial of class certification in City of St. Louis case alleging fraud in connection with taxi cab services that ultimately led to case dismissal.
- Dismissal of putative nationwide Madison County class action alleging billing fraud against health insurer.
- Won arbitration for national fraternity accused of discriminatory admission practices.
- Member of national defense team coordinating medical expert testimony involving claims against oral contraceptive manufacturer.
- Member of national defense team coordinating discovery in cases against acne medication manufacturer.

In addition to being a trial attorney, Tom has lectured in the areas of risk management, lawsuit prevention, and trial strategy to hospitals, medical professionals, insurers and transportation companies.

Tom is a founding partner of Fox Smith, LLC. He received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis while a member of the University basketball team. He received his law degree from Saint Louis University in 1993.

Representative Clients: Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Gateway Taxi Management, Paratransit, Marsh USA, NCMIC Insurance Company, RSUI, PSIC, Landmark American Insurance Company, Durham School Services, Logan University.

Admitted in Missouri; Illinois; U.S. District Courts, Eastern District of Missouri and Southern District of Illinois

Practice Areas

Health Law
Drug, Device, and MDL Litigation
Product Liability
Professional Liability
Insurance Law
Employment Law

Education

J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
(1993)
B.S., business administration, University of Missouri-St. Louis (1990)

Associations/Affiliations

Missouri Bar Association
Illinois Bar Association
Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
The Lawyer's Association of St. Louis
Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
Defense Research Institute