

Ramsey & Murray, P. C.

Patrick N. Smith

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Practice Description

Patrick N. Smith joined Ramsey & Murray in July 2001 and became a Participating Associate in 2005. His practice includes the following:

- ✦ Defending individuals, commercial and household product manufacturers, retailers and a variety of corporations against personal injury claims including wrongful death; maiming and disfigurement resulting from refinery and industrial accidents; work-related accidents; and household, commercial and industrial products.
- ✦ Defending general contractors and subcontractors for suits alleging faulty workmanship, negligence, breach of contract, breach of warranties, misrepresentation, nuisance, tort liability, deceptive trade practices, contribution and indemnity in projects ranging from municipal and county projects, excavation, road construction, underground utilities, construction of hospitals and business facilities and both home and commercial construction.
- ✦ Representing several insurance companies regarding complex and novel coverage issues under homeowners, commercial, auto, excess and umbrella, and workers' compensation policies; and defending insurers in first party claims, Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) Policies, and property, casualty, and subrogation claims.
- ✦ Participating in the first Multi-District Litigation (MDL) Court hearing held in Texas and continuing to represent companies involved in asbestos and phenylpropanolamine (PPA) litigation. Mr. Smith serves as Texas state counsel for one of the largest automotive retailers in the nation, in addition to representing other retailers and contractor defendants. Prior to the implementation of the MDL court, Mr. Smith chaired several joint defense counsel conferences and served as defense liaison for friction products retailers in negotiating master form discovery for Brazoria County.
- ✦ Defending employers against Title VII claims of discriminatory hiring and work practices, retaliation, and harassment, as well as claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Age Discrimination in Employment Act claims.
- ✦ Defending and consulting corporations regarding contract issues, license agreements, principal-agent relationships, warranty issues, defamation suits, consumer claims and violations of the Texas Finance Code. Mr. Smith has also prosecuted claims on behalf of consumers.

- ⌘ Defending and consulting a wide variety of corporations and small businesses such as condominium associations, car dealerships, manufacturers in the petrochemical industry, grocery retailers, and retail sellers in matters regarding contracts, license agreements, principal-agent relationships, warranty issues, false imprisonment, defamation suits, landlord/tenant disputes, violations of the Texas Property Code, state and federal Fair Housing Act, breach of warranty of habitability, breach of express and implied warranties, and breach of duty of good faith and fair dealings.

Distinctions/Honors

- ⌘ College of the State Bar of Texas (1988-Present)
- ⌘ Certified mediator-Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolutions, South Texas College of Law.

Published Opinions

- ⌘ *Kenneth W. Magnant v. Panelmatic Texas, Inc.*,
_ F.Supp.2d_; 2006 WL2434475 (S.D.Tex. 2006)

Education

- ⌘ South Texas College of Law (J.D. 1996)
- ⌘ Southern Methodist University (B.S. 1990)

Admissions

- ⌘ State Bar of Texas, 1996
- ⌘ Supreme Court of the United States, 2000
- ⌘ United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1998
- ⌘ United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1998
- ⌘ United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1998
- ⌘ United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 1997
- ⌘ United States District Court, Western District of Texas, 1998

Professional Affiliations

- ⌘ State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section
- ⌘ Houston Bar Association, Litigation Section
- ⌘ Houston Bar Association, Professionalism Committee (1998-Present)
- ⌘ Houston Bar Association, Administration of Justice Committee (2003-2005)

✚ Houston Bar Association, Historical Committee (2005-2006)

✚ Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Young Lawyers Committee (2004-2007)

Articles and Presentations

✚ *TEXAS INSURANCE LAW UPDATE: PUNITIVE DAMAGES COVERAGE & EXPANSION OF THE "EXCLUSIVE REMEDY" PROVISION OF THE TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, July 2006*

Personal Points of Interest

✚ Married with 2 children

✚ Interests include Texas History and the Alamo, reading, and big band music.