



BIOGRAPHY

SALVIA Y. SMITH

Attorney Salvia Y. Smith is a successful litigator that focuses her practice in the areas of criminal defense, family law, and civil matters. Born and raised in Illinois, Ms. Smith migrated to Georgia where she graduated from North Clayton High School as student body president.

Ms. Smith earned her Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. While at Spelman, she was involved in the Ethel Waddell Githii Honors Program, tutored elementary school children, participated in numerous community service activities, and simultaneously worked full-time.

Ms. Smith earned her Juris Doctor from The University of Georgia Lumpkin School of Law in Athens, GA. While at UGA, she participated in The Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition, was actively involved in BLSA, worked for the Athens Public Defender's Office, and interned for the Georgia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. Ms. Smith did a summer clerkship for the Honorable Justice Robert Benham of The Supreme Court of Georgia. During her third year of law school, she worked in The Office of Counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Multifamily Division.

After graduating from law school, Attorney Smith began her law career at a small firm that concentrated on criminal defense, real estate, and general civil matters. After being in private practice for several years, she started her own firm and currently practices in the Atlanta metropolitan area. She is managing partner of her law firm Smith & Brown, LLC. She currently teaches at Georgia State University with her law partner Shawanda Brown and coaches Georgia State's Mock Trial Team.

To keep life interesting, Ms. Smith enjoys mentoring young people, going to concerts, and travelling.

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