



## Stephen B. Smith

Partner

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Stephen Smith has practiced Transportation and Insurance Law for more than 30 years. In addition to providing transportation and other clients with a vigorous and aggressive defense, he has assisted insurers with coverage analysis and defense litigation. A part of his practice involves assisting clients with navigating the claims process, which includes preparing or responding to reservations of rights letters, preservation letters, and demands for indemnity and defense. Stephen also has reviewed and advised on coverage issues in transportation and motor truck cargo, as well as general liability, D&O, construction and pollution, and property coverages.

Stephen's diverse clients include insurers as well as corporations and transportation carriers he assists in a wide variety of issues from simple property and casualty claims to more complex coverage and litigation matters. He has tried numerous cases in district court and other courts. Stephen also teaches courses for insurance professionals and has taught continuing legal education seminars for insurers and attorneys

### Education

- University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 1986)
- Rice University (B.A., 1983)

### Bar Admissions

- Texas

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

### Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Transportation

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Dallas Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas, Insurance Section; past chair, Property Insurance Committee

### **Awards & Honors**

- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected by the *Dallas Morning News* as a Dallas Top Rated Lawyer, 2016

## **Representative Matters**

Represented excess insurer in coverage dispute arising out of a \$200 million verdict.

Filed writ of mandamus to prevent coverage adjuster from being deposed in underlying litigation.

Obtained defense verdict in brain injury case where the plaintiffs' lowest demand was \$1.5 million.

Obtained summary judgment in coverage pollution case.

Successfully tried an accounting malpractice case to verdict.