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Overview

Curriculum Vitae

JAMES ROSS SMART practices in the Firm's litigation unit. He represents individuals and organizations in white-collar criminal prosecutions, investigations and related proceedings, and he performs internal investigations and compliance reviews for companies and other entities. Mr. Smart also represents clients in complex civil litigation and in matters on appeal.

Prior to joining McElroy Deutsch in 2011, Mr. Smart served for six years as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Smart investigated and prosecuted a broad range of criminal cases, including white collar and tax matters, organized crime, narcotics and gang cases, and computer crimes, and he coordinated the district's criminal and civil asset forfeiture programs. He successfully prosecuted numerous cases, from the early investigation stages through grand jury, trial and appeal.

From 1999 through 2005, Mr. Smart was associated with Cowdery, Ecker & Murphy in Hartford, Connecticut, where he provided a full range of litigation services to corporate and individual clients in diverse judicial and administrative proceedings. Before entering private practice, Mr. Smart served as law clerk to the Honorable Robert N. Chatigny of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, and the Honorable David M. Borden of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Mr. Smart received his Juris Doctorate *cum laude* from Harvard Law School. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Princeton University, and he received a Master of Arts degree in International Studies, and numerous scholarly

awards, from the University of Washington.

Mr. Smart currently serves as a member of the House of Delegates of the Connecticut Bar Association, and he is on the Executive Committee of the Bar Association's Litigation Section. He served as Co-Chair of the Federal Practice Section from 2014 until 2016. He served as a member of the Federal Grievance Committee for the District of Connecticut from 2004-2006, and he is an alumnus of the Oliver Ellsworth Chapter of the American Inns of Court. Mr. Smart has been selected to be a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, and he was recognized by the Connecticut Law Tribune as a New Leader of the Law in 2005. He is the editor and principal author of a chapter in the Department of Justice's Criminal Discovery Manual.

Awards

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Industries

Financial Institutions

Practices

Appellate Practice

Banking & Financial Services

Cybersecurity, Data Protection and Privacy

Litigation

White Collar Criminal Defense

Education

Princeton University (A.B. summa cum laude 1989)

University of Washington (M.A. 1994)

Harvard Law School (J.D., cum laude 1997)

Admissions

State of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, SDNY

U.S. District Court, EDNY

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. District Court, WDNY

Memberships

House of Delegates of the Connecticut Bar Association

Co-Chair of the Federal Practice Section of the Connecticut Bar Association (2014-2016)

Executive Committee of the Litigation Section of the Connecticut Bar Association

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