



## JEFFREY D. SMITH

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Jeff Smith is a focused and detailed litigator who takes pride in building a relationship of trust and respect with not only his clients, but also opposing counsel. It is very important to him that his clients and opposing counsel see him as someone whose word they can trust, which he believes helps him obtain the best results for his clients. Jeff has experience handling a variety of litigation matters, including cases involving transportation, personal injury, product liability, premises liability, employment disputes, business disputes, and general civil litigation. Jeff has represented clients in courts throughout Texas, including trying cases in both state and federal court as well as arguing before the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas. Jeff's achievements and skills have earned him recognition by his peers as a Texas Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Jeff was born and raised in the Dallas area. His parents were small business owners who instilled in him the importance of integrity and a strong work ethic. Jeff met his wife, Melissa, while attending Baylor University. She is a public school administrator in Mesquite, and they live in Lake Highlands with their three children. Outside of work, Jeff enjoys watching his wife and kids compete in athletic events or perform in plays, cheering on the Baylor Bears, attending car shows, and serving with his church, Northwest Bible Church.

### Honors & Recognitions

Texas Rising Star, *Thomson Reuters*, 2016-2024

#### OFFICE

Dallas, Texas

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Suite 600

Dallas, TX 75231

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation

Employment

Insurance Defense

Premises Liability

Product Liability

Tort Litigation

Transportation

#### EDUCATION

J.D., Texas Wesleyan University  
School of Law, *cum laude*, 2007

- Law Review
- Judicial Scholarship Recipient
- Multiple Dean's List Selections

B.A., Baylor University, Waco, TX  
2004

- Endowed Scholarship for Early Admission Recipient
- Outstanding Student of Political Science Award

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## Community & Professional

State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

## News

For the Defense...October 2025  
Newsletter, 10.29.2025

For the Defense ... August 2023  
Newsletter, 08.24.2023

For the Defense ... February 2022  
Newsletter, 02.10.2022

For the Defense ... December 2021  
Newsletter, 12.09.2021

For the Defense ... November 2021  
Newsletter, 11.11.2021

Jeff Smith Named to 2021 Texas Rising Stars List  
Press Release, *Thomson Reuters*, 03.31.2021

For the Defense ... February 2021  
Newsletter, 02.11.2021

For the Defense ... January 2021  
Newsletter, 01.14.2021

Kristi Kautz and Jeff Smith Promoted to Partnership 2021  
News, 01.04.2021

For the Defense ... December 2020  
Newsletter, 12.10.2020

For the Defense ... October 2020  
Newsletter, 10.08.2020

For the Defense ... September 2020  
Newsletter, 09.10.2020

## ADMISSIONS

Texas

U.S. District Court Northern  
District of Texas

U.S. District Court Southern  
District of Texas

U.S. District Court Eastern  
District of Texas

U.S. District Court Western  
District of Texas

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For the Defense ... July 2020  
Newsletter, 07.09.2020

For the Defense ... May 2020  
Newsletter, 05.14.2020

Jeffrey Smith Named to 2020 Texas Rising Stars List  
Press Release, *Thomson Reuters*, 03.18.2020

For the Defense ... March 2020  
Newsletter, 03.12.2020

For the Defense ... March 2019  
Newsletter, 03.14.2019

For the Defense ... January 2019  
Newsletter, 01.10.2019

For the Defense ... June 2018  
Newsletter, 06.14.2018

For the Defense ... February 2018  
Newsletter, 02.08.2018

For the Defense ... Newsletter April 2017  
Newsletter, 04.13.2017

Kristi Kautz and Jeffrey Smith Named 2017 Texas Rising Stars by Thomson Reuters  
Press Release, 03.15.2017

Five Lawyers Named 2016 Texas Super Lawyers® and Texas Rising Stars® by Thomson Reuters  
Press Release, 09.30.2016

## Speaking Engagements

Understanding Statutes of Limitations on Insurance Claims  
Event, WEBINAR, 10.28.2020