

ANDREW R. SMITH, ESQ.

▪ Aurora, Illinois ▪ 60506 ▪

EDUCATION

Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana

Juris Doctor (May 2009)

- G.P.A.: 3.32/4.0 Top 26% of the class (Rank 36/138)
- Student Honors Program, Member 2007-09
- *Valparaiso University Law Review*, Associate Editor, Member 2007-09
- Moot Court Society, Justice of Intra-school Competition, Member 2007-09
- Merit Scholarship Recipient
- Dean's List: Spring 2008, Fall 2008

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

Master of Business Administration (May 2008)

- G.P.A.: 3.72/4.0

Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana

Bachelor of Science in Marketing (April 2005)

- G.P.A.: 3.39/4.0
- Dean's List: Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2005
- Vice President of Membership for the American Marketing Association, Member 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CDH Law Group, LLC (formerly Dickson & Hasenbalg) Aurora, Illinois

Lead Trial Attorney (January 2011-present)

- Represented litigants in all phases of bench and jury trials throughout Illinois
- Practice areas: individual and business litigation, estate planning, business formation and dissolution, guardianships (minor and disabled adult), residential and commercial real estate, tax litigation, 1031 exchanges, and mergers and acquisitions

Smith, Wykes & Oncken, P.C., Sycamore, Illinois

Associate (October 2010-January 2011)

- Prepared pleadings, interrogatories, requests for production, subpoenas, jury instructions, pre and post trial motions and memorandum of law
- Prepared Corporate Minutes and Annual Reports
- Practice areas: civil litigation (plaintiff and defense), criminal defense, collections, mechanic's lien, and family law

Law Office of Andrew R. Smith, Aurora, Illinois

Owner (April 2010-October 2010)

- Prepared pleadings, interrogatories, requests for production, subpoenas, and motions
- Practice areas: small claims, family law, civil litigation, and estate and business planning

Law Office of Robert P. Pilmer, Yorkville, Illinois

Associate (November 2009-April 2010)

- Prepared pleadings, interrogatories, requests for production, subpoenas, and motions
- Conducted bench trials
- Completed all phases of trial, including: depositions, discovery, pre-trial memoranda, and witness examination
- Practice areas: small claims, family law, civil litigation, real estate, and civil litigation.

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LICENSES

State of Illinois (2009)
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2010)
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2010)
United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (2011)
United States Tax Court (2013)

MEMBERSHIPS

Illinois State Bar Association
Kane County Bar Association
Kiwanis Club of Aurora

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Illinois

- Deacon (*January 2013 through present*)
- Co-Coordinator of Mission Aurora 2014
 - Supervising approx. 250 volunteers at 16 service worksites

Aurora Area Crime Stoppers, Inc., Aurora, Illinois

- Vice President and Legal Counsel (*October 2013 through present*)

CASA Kendall County, Inc., Yorkville, Illinois

- Member of the Board (*June 2010 through February 2013*)
- President (*February 2013 through present*)
- Manage two employees and approx. 30 trained volunteers

Friends of Bob O'Connor, Aurora, Illinois

- Campaign Manager for Alderman-at-large, Bob O'Connor (*2013 election*)
- Organized multiple fundraising events
- Coordinated volunteers for the distribution of thousands of flyers and yard signs

PUBLICATIONS

Andrew R. Smith, SIMPLE PRODUCTS REQUIRE COMPLEX ANALYSIS: WHEN THE RISK-UTILITY TEST APPLIES, *Kane County Bar Briefs* (September 2007).

Andrew R. Smith, BACK TO BASICS: FILING YOUR FIRST CIVIL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1983, *Kane County Bar Briefs* (June 2010).

SEMINARS

Andrew R. Smith, PROFESSIONALISM AND FAMILY LAW CLIENTS, Kane County Bar Association CLE (September 2010).

Andrew R. Smith, ESTATE PLANNING FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON, Aurora Public Library (Fall 2013).