



JD Smith, Jr.

CHARLESTON, SC

JD Smith has practiced insurance defense and litigation for over 20 years, with a focus on construction defect litigation, personal injury defense, products liability, professional liability, trucking and insurance coverage. JD regularly defends general contractors, subcontractors and design professionals in construction defect litigation brought along the counties of coastal South Carolina. His practice also includes the defense of insured defendants in automobile and trucking accidents, premises liability suits, products liability cases and other insurance based claims. He also provides insurance coverage analysis for his insurance carrier clients. JD strives to provide timely reporting necessary to evaluate and update a claim; he focuses on accurately analyzing the claim at an early stage to give the client the best option for a favorable resolution. JD serves on [MGC's Trucking: Rapid Response Team](#).

When he's away from the office, JD spends time with his wife and three children and enjoys running and keeping up with college football, basketball and baseball.

PRACTICE AREAS

Adulterated Food
Alcohol Liability
Commercial & Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Director & Officer Liability/Fiduciary
Litigation
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Management & Professional Liability
Slander & Defamation
Motor Vehicle Litigation
Trucking & Transportation

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Cumberland School of Law - Samford University (JD)
College of Charleston (BA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

South Carolina Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association
South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
Defense Research Institute

BAR ADMISSIONS

South Carolina (1998)
US District Court District of South Carolina
US Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America[®] - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2020 and 2021, 2023); Litigation – Construction (2021-2024); Litigation – Insurance (2024)
Charleston Business Magazine's Legal Elite of the Lowcountry - Construction (2023) *Top Attorney Vote (2017-2022) and Business Litigation (2023)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

United Way of Florence County (Past Board of Directors; Past Treasurer - Executive Committee)