

## CLIFTON M. SMART, III

### BUSINESS

Interim President

### ADDRESS:

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### PERSONAL:

Born: Blytheville, Arkansas  
Spouse: Gail Smart  
Children: Murray Smart (age 21)  
James Smart (age 18)

### EDUCATION:

Fayetteville High School (1979)  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

- Valedictorian

Tulane University  
New Orleans, Louisiana

- B.A. with high honors in Political Science (1983)
- Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA)
- Tulane Scholar
- 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship
- Phi Beta Kappa (Scholastic fraternity)
- Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership fraternity)
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Social Fraternity)
- Baptist Student Union President

University of Arkansas School of Law  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

- J.D. with high honors (1986) (3.95 GPA)
- Leflar Scholarship (given to top 2 students in each entering class)
- Oxford Scholar
- Law Review
- Omicron Delta Theta (Law fraternity)

### EMPLOYMENT:

Missouri State University  
Springfield, Missouri

- Interim President (June 27, 2011, to present)
- General Counsel (December 2007 to June 2011)

The Strong Law Firm  
Springfield, Missouri  
(1992-2007)

- Shareholder (1/1/95)
- Vice President (1/1/98)

Wright, Lindsey & Jennings  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
(1990-1992)

- Associate

**MILITARY  
SERVICE:**

U.S. Army (1986-1990)  
Judge Advocate General's Corps.

- Captain, Trial Defense Service  
Ft. Knox, Kentucky
- Meritorious Service Medal recipient

**LICENSED:**

Arkansas (1986)  
Missouri (1992)

**RECOGNITION:**

AV rated lawyer  
Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*

- Product liability
- Personal injury
- Professional negligence

Missouri Super Lawyer

**CURRENT LEGAL  
ORGANIZATIONS:**

Arkansas Bar Association  
Missouri Bar Association

- Member of Civil Rules Committee (2002 to present)

Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association

- Member 1992 to present
- Board of Directors (2001-2004)
- Bench and Bar Committee (2004-2006)
- In-House Lawyer Committee (2007 to present) (Chair 2009)
- Trial Practice Committee (2009)

**NOMINATIONS  
AND ELECTIONS:**

I was selected to the panel of three applicants submitted to the Governor for the vacant Missouri Supreme Court positions in 2002 and 2004.  
I was elected as one of the two lawyer members of the 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit Judicial Commission in February, 2009 (5 year term).

**COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT:**

Arc of the Ozarks Board of Directors (Vice Chair 2010; Chair 2011)

- Litigation Committee
- Advancement Committee
- Human Resources Committee (Chair 2010)
- Christmas Extravaganza Committee (Chair 2010 and 2011)

Springfield Regional Opera Board of Directors (2010 to present; Chair 2011)  
CoxHealth Board of Directors (2011 to present)  
United Way of the Ozarks Board of Directors (2011 to present)  
Member, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri  
Active with Springfield Public Schools and Springfield Public School Foundation  
Youth Sports Coach  
Instructor, Institute for Paralegal Education (2001, 2003)

**SELECTED  
PUBLICATIONS  
&  
PRESENTATIONS:**

- Ethics Seminar, SMBA  
(June 2011, Springfield, Missouri)
- New Expert Disclosure Rules, SMBA  
(September 2009, Springfield, Missouri)
- The Obstetrical Birth Injury Case, Cox Health  
(October 2007, Springfield, Missouri)
- Damages in Wrongful Death Cases, Trial Skills Conference  
(November 2006, Fayetteville, Arkansas)
- Proving Economic Losses, SMBA Personal Injury Seminar  
(August 2006, Springfield, Missouri)
- Jury Psychology & Trial Tactics in Auto Products Cases  
(August 2006, Denver, Colorado)
- How the Defense Evaluates Your Medical Malpractice Case, MATA  
(June 2006, Lake Ozark, Missouri)
- Hearsay, Trial & Federal Practice Seminar, SMBA  
(February 2005, Springfield, Missouri)
- Missouri Tort Reform, SMBA Personal Injury Seminar  
(February 2005, Springfield, Missouri)
- Analyzing Medical Records for the Missouri Paralegal  
The Institute for Paralegal Education (2004)
- Protecting Your Verdict, MATA  
(November 2003, Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri)
- Advanced Civil Discovery for the Litigation Paralegal in Missouri  
The Institute for Paralegal Education (2001)
- The Peer Review Privilege: What Documents are Protected from Discovery in Litigation  
*Missouri Medicine Magazine* (1998)