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Overview

Peter Smart is a shareholder with the firm. In his practice, Peter typically represents financial institutions, mortgage companies, and small business owners. Peter is primarily involved with litigation on civil and commercial matters, both at the trial and appellate level. He is also involved with bankruptcy and creditor rights cases. Peter spends his time conducting legal research, preparing and responding to motions, and arguing cases in the courtroom.

A former football, basketball, and cross country coach, Peter enjoys competitive situations, which translates well in the courtroom. Additionally, he spent 15 years as a high school teacher before transitioning into the legal world, providing him with strong public speaking skills which he says is an asset when litigating.

When Peter is not practicing law, he enjoys going for walks, lifting weights, and reading.

Experience

- *Samuel and Shawn Calvillo, et al v. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, et al*; 487 S.W.3d 626 (Tex. App. – El Paso 2015, petition pending)
- *Wells Fargo Bank. N.A. v. Wolf*, 444 S.W. 3d 685 (Tex. App. – Houston 2014, no pet.)
- *McLane v. New Caney Oaks Apartments*, 416 S.W. 3d 115 (Tex. App. – Beaumont 2013, no pet.)
- *Howard Industries, Inc. v. Crown Cork & Seal Co., LLC*, 403 S.W. 3d 347 (Tex. App. – 2013, no pet.)

Practices

[Appellate](#)

[Commercial Litigation](#)

[Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights](#)

[Insurance and Personal Injury](#)

Education

- J.D., University of Houston
- M.S., Indiana University
- B.S., Indiana University

Admissions & Certifications

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

- *Martin v. New Century Mort. Co., et al*; 377 S.W.3d 79 (Tex. App. – Houston 2012, no pet.)
- *Johnston v. Oiltanking Houston, L.P.*, 367 S.W. 3d 412 (Tex. App. - Houston 2012, no pet.)
- *Lazell v. Stone*, 123 S.W. 3d 6 (Tex. App. – Houston 2003, pet. denied)
- *State v. Japage Partnership*, 80 S.W.3d 618 (Tex. App. – Houston 2002, pet. denied)

Affiliations

- Houston Bar Association
- Taught in the public schools for 15 years
- Coached football and basketball
- Served as a board member of his community's homeowners association for several years