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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.

Education

Indiana University, B.S., 1975

Indiana University, M.S., 1980

University of Houston, J.D., 1992

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.

Practice Areas

Appellate

Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights

Commercial Litigation

Insurance and Personal Injury

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

Published Opinions

- 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 [14th Dist.] 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. – [Houston 1st Dist.] 2013, no pet.)
- Martin v. New Century Mort. Co., et al; 377 S.W.3d 79 (Tex. App. –

Admissions

Texas, 1992

United States District Court for the
Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western
Districts of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Houston [1st Dist.] 2012, no pet.)

- Johnston v. Oiltanking Houston, L.P., 367 S.W. 3d 412 (Tex. App. - Houston [14th Dist.] 2012, no pet.)
- Lazell v. Stone, 123 S.W. 3d 6 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st. Dist.] 2003, pet. denied)
- State v. Japage Partnership, 80 S.W.3d 618 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2002, pet. denied)

Community Involvement

Peter taught in the public schools for 15 years. During that time, he also coached football and basketball. Peter served as a board member of his community's homeowners association for several years.