

NAME: G. MICHAEL SMITH

EDUCATION: B.S. St. Peter's University, NJ, 1971; Honors Program, University College Dublin, Ireland (UCD) 1969; J.D. John Marshall Law School 1975.

BAR ADMISSION: 1975

EMPLOYMENT: Dean, Setliff, Baker & Bowman 1976 - 1981, Dean, Setliff& smith, P.A. 1981 - 1990, Dean, Smith & Therrell, P.A. 1990 - 2009, Smith & Collins, LLC 2010 - 2015. General Counsel for Alieria Healthcare, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia 2015 to present.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE: Health care, Commercial, Contracts, Corporate, Health Sharing DPCMH, Personal Injury, Medical Liability/Malpractice, Construction, Business Law and Transactions, Probate, Entertainment, Real Estate, Employment.

ADR Experience:

handles both private and court annexed arbitrations. Recently, Mr. Smith completed The American Health Lawyers Association Arbitration training program.

Professional Experience:

Since 2015 Mr. Smith has acted a General Counsel for Alieria Healthcare in Atlanta, Georgia. Alieria has grown from a start up in late 2015 to over 500 employees and as of 2019 and has members in almost all 50 States (*Mr. Smith recently retired as General Counsel*). Prior to joining Alieria Healthcare, Mr. Smith was primarily engaged in business and corporate legal matters, and personal injury work. He has provided defense work for Industrial Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, (now Oak Insurance Co.), and has represented Lloyds of London in scuba diving wrongful death actions. He is versed in both plaintiff and defense personal injury matters. In his business and corporate work, he has represented numerous franchisees such as Burger King, Wendy's, Checkers, Days Inns, Econo-Lube & Tune, Church's Chicken and numerous ethnic and Mexican restaurants. He represents manufacturers, manufacturers' representatives, various retailer automotive shops and dealers and has worked on various business acquisitions and mergers, developments, and real estate matters. He has hands on experience in business transactions and traveled to Cayman Islands, B.W.I., Barbados, Turks and Caicos Islands, Jamaica, Pakistan, Korea, England, Belgium, France, Singapore, Taiwan, Australia; negotiating various transactions in these countries for his clients, including patent licensing. In the Health Care area, he was corporate general counsel and assistant administrator to the Med - Plus medical clinic group in Atlanta for several years. He has represented doctors, psychologists and physician assistants before the Georgia Medical Board. He has represented Home Health Care Provider's in obtaining licensing permits outside the Atlanta area. Mr. Smith has participated in Medicaid hearings and appeals for medical professionals.

Coaching:

ADR: Mr. Smith is a regular coaching assistant for the ADR programs at John Marshall Law School in Atlanta and the Georgia State University Law School ADR program for the past seven years.

2015: Judge for 2015 National Black Law Students, Negotiation Competition.

2020 Coached one of two teams from Emory University Law School for the annual Duke University Law School Negotiation Competition. Additionally he has been asked to coach again for Emory's negotiation program in the summer/fall session.

Articles:

The Well-Adjusted Mediation - Working with Insurance Carriers In ADR

Published in ICLE November 2003, Pub. No. 035555

Insurance Adjusters in the Mediation Process, July 2004

Other: Judge, for 2006 National Law Schools Representation in Mediation Competition

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