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Stephen E. Smith is a solo practitioner based in Louisville Kentucky. Until January 1, 2020, he was a Partner with the Louisville law firm of Goldberg Simpson, LLC. He is currently *of counsel* to the Firm. His primary areas of practice are construction, public acquisition, and corporate law.

Before joining the firm in 1989, Mr. Smith served the public sector with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for 15 years. As District Counsel, and as senior legal advisor to the Commander, was responsible for construction claims and dispute resolution.

Since entering private practice, Mr. Smith represents all aspects of the construction family, including public and private owners, large general contractors and construction managers, as well as specialty subcontractors. He devotes a considerable amount of his time as a commercial mediator and arbitrator. He is a member of both the American Arbitration Association Panel of Construction Arbitrators and Panel of Construction Mediators. He is approved as a mediator and arbitrator for all disputes arising under the Greater Louisville Association of Realtors.

He has been selected by members of the Louisville Bar as a Louisville Magazine's "Top Lawyer" in the areas of "Construction" and "Arbitration and Mediation-Non-Family" for the last five years. He has been selected as a Kentucky "Super Lawyer" annually since 2007. He was selected to "Best Lawyers in America" in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Mr. Smith earned both his Bachelor of Arts and his law degree from the University of Louisville. He graduated from law school in 1974. He remains a frequent lecturer and instructor in the areas of federal acquisition and construction claims administration.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Federal, Kentucky, and Louisville Bar Associations, the ABA Forum on The Construction Industry, and a founding member of the Kentucky Bar Association Construction Practice Section.

