

# Robert E. Smith

## Senior Counsel

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### Practices

FOCUS: Litigation

Appeals and Critical Motions

Business Succession Planning

Charitable Planning, Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations

Corporate Governance

Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation

Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement

Private Wealth

Securities Litigation

Robert E. Smith has more than 40 years of experience litigating complex commercial and business matters of all kinds.

### Experience is knowledge sharpened by reality

Robert represents clients in the areas of securities, accountants' liability, shareholder suits, real estate, environmental and product liability.

### Representative Experience

- Represented engineered product manufacturer in the US Supreme Court in a case that established a significant product liability precedent. Represented client through two jury trials and appeals to the Second Circuit in the successful defense of product liability claims originally exceeding \$800 million relating to the manufacture and operation of generators at a nuclear power plant.

### Industries

Finance and Financial Markets

### Education

LLB, Harvard Law School

AB, Dartmouth College, *cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

### Bar Admissions

New York

### Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Southern District of New York

### Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Commercial Litigation | Litigation - Environmental | Litigation - Real Estate, 2003–2021
- Super Lawyers
  - New York, 2006–2012

### Community Involvements

American Bar Association

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Federal Bar Council

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

New York State Bar Association

## News

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- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)
- 50 Katten Attorneys Named to 2009 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (September 23, 2008)
- 46 Katten Attorneys Named to 2008 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (October 31, 2007)

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## Publications

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- 2019 Year-End Private Wealth Advisory (November 25, 2019)