

Robert E. Smith

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Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth

Education

LLB, Harvard Law School

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

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

Community Involvements

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Council

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

New York State Bar Association

Robert E. Smith has more than 40 years of experience litigating complex commercial and business matters of all kinds. He is now a member of Katten's Private Wealth group and serves as the executor/trustee of a number of substantial estates and trusts.

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.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Commercial Litigation | Litigation - Environmental | Litigation - Real Estate, 2003–2022
- Super Lawyers
 - New York, 2006–2012

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News

- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- 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

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