

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

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, 2006–2024
 - Litigation - Environmental, 2003–2023
 - Litigation - Real Estate, 2011–2024
- *Super Lawyers*
 - New York, 2006–2012

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News

- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- 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

- 2022 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 17, 2022)