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Sean Smith is a partner in the West Palm Beach Office of Shutts & Bowen, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group.

Sean focuses his practice on the areas of business, real estate, and construction litigation. Sean regularly represents clients in courts throughout Florida in a variety of complex litigation matters, including:

- real estate litigation (including landlord/tenant matters, easement disputes, quiet title actions, commercial evictions, commercial real property disputes and claims concerning foreclosure, specific performance or breaches of purchase and sale agreements);
- construction litigation (including claims concerning construction and design defects, professional negligence, payment, and bonds and liens); and
- general business litigation (including breach of contract claims, claims concerning partnership and LLC disputes, deceptive trade practices, and enforcement of non-compete and non-solicitation provisions).

Prior to joining Shutts & Bowen, Sean served as a Judicial Intern at the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in West Palm Beach. Sean was awarded the Pro Bono Certificate while attending the University of Florida Levin College of Law. For his service to the university, Sean was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame.

Practice Areas

Litigation

Construction

Industry Focus

Construction

Real Estate

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*
 - Commercial Litigation, 2021, 2022, 2023
 - Construction Law, 2021, 2022, 2023
 - Litigation - Construction, 2021, 2022, 2023
- "Up and Comer," *Florida Trend*, 2022
- "Top Lawyer," *Jupiter Magazine*, 2022
- "Top Lawyer," *Palm Beach Illustrated*, 2021, 2022
- University of Florida Hall of Fame
- Phi Delta Theta - First Recipient of the "Sean Smith" Alumni of the Year Award, 2014
- Florida Blue Key - Jason H. Cherner Service Award, 2013
- United States Gold Congressional Award Recipient, 2006

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2014
 - Vice President, Florida Blue Key
 - Associate Justice, University of Florida Supreme Court of the Student Body
 - Teaching Assistant, Legal Research and Writing / Appellate Advocacy
 - Pro Bono Certificate
- University of Florida Hough Graduate School of Business, M.A., International Business, 2011
- University of Florida, B.S., Business Administration, 2010
 - President, Interfraternity Council

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Palm Beach County Bar Association
 - PBCBA Young Lawyers Section - Board of Directors
 - PBCBA Young Lawyers Section - SideBar Series Committee, Co-Chair
 - Real Estate CLE Committee
- Phi Delta Theta Chapter House Association
 - Board of Directors
- Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court
- Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section
- American Heart Association, Past Palm Beach County Heart Walk Team Captain
- South Florida Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club

Presentations

- Speaker, "Paralegal Ethics," Construction Law 101 for Paralegals: From Contracts to Litigation, National Business Institute, June 9, 2022