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Randall Smith is a veteran trial lawyer who has successfully handled a variety of civil, commercial, and criminal litigation. His litigation practice focuses primarily on business and property litigation, including takings/ eminent domain litigation on behalf of private property owners throughout Louisiana. Having obtained many multi-million dollar judgments, as well as successfully defended against many multi-million dollar claims, Randy has earned a reputation as an assertive, creative, and focused trial counsel.

In addition to his law practice, Randy has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola University's School of Law, teaching annually for over 25 years.

Recent Boards and Committees:

- Board Member, Hermes Beyond the Parade Foundation - current
- Board Member, Lab School of Washington - current
- Board Member, Watering Hole Foundation - current
- Board Member and Chair, Owners' Counsel of America (2018-2020)
- Board Member, Southern Repertory Theatre (2018-2020)
- Board Member, Contemporary Arts Center of New Orleans (2016-2018)
- Board Member and Chair, Canal Street Development Corporation (1994-2013)

Bar Admissions and Memberships:

- Louisiana, 1983
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1983
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1990
- American Bar Association
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Louisiana Bar Foundation

Education:

- Yale University, J.D., 1982
- Amherst College, B.A., 1978, (Phi Beta Kappa, 1977)

Honors and Awards:

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Leadership in the Law, selected by New Orleans CityBusiness magazine
- Named 1 of Top 50 New Orleans Attorneys by New Orleans CityBusiness magazine
- Listed annually as one of the Top Attorneys in Louisiana by Louisiana Super Lawyers

Recent Speaking Engagements/Publications:

- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation 2020, “Keys for Effective Direct and Cross Examinations;” “Tips for a Successful Eminent Domain Practice;” and “The Big Four: Parent Tract, Highest and Best Use, Scope of the Project, and Threat of Condemnation,” Nashville, Tennessee, January 23, 2020
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation 2019, “Building Your Case: Practical Suggestions on Working With Expert Witnesses in Eminent Domain,” Palm Springs, California, January 24, 2019
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation 2018, “Practice Tips and Pitfalls for the Beginning Eminent Domain Lawyer ,” Charleston, South Carolina, January 25, 2018
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation 2017, “Exhibits in Eminent Domain: How to Make a Persuasive Case,” San Diego, California, January 26, 2017
- The 19th Annual Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations by Tulane University School of Law and Vermont Law School, “The MRGO Litigation and Other Flooding Cases,” New Orleans, Louisiana, November 4, 2016
- CLE International, Eminent Domain Current and Emerging Issues, “Eminent Domain Litigation Strategies: Successful Strategies for the Litigator,” Las Vegas, Nevada, September 30, 2016
- 21st Annual Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, “Taken by Storm: Climate Change and Property Takings,” New Orleans, Louisiana, February 20, 2016
- American Law Institute, 2016 ALI-CLE Eminent Domain & Land Valuation Litigation and Condemnation 101 Courses, “Advice for Beginning Eminent Domain Trial Lawyers on How to Win a Case,” Austin, Texas, January 28, 2016
- Loyola University College of Law Annual Family Law Conference, “Nuts and Bolts of Interdiction,” New Orleans, Louisiana, November 12, 2015
- Louisiana Bar Association/Louisiana Judicial College, Louisiana Rising, Lessons in Leadership, Innovation, and Balance, “Expropriation: An Update,” Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, Florida, June 10, 2015

- NBI-CLE, “Eminent Domain, From Start to Finish Seminar,” Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 20, 2015
- American Bar Association, 29th Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime, Break Out Panel, “Practical Issues in White Collar Criminal Cases,” New Orleans, Louisiana, March 4, 2015
- American Bar Association, 29th Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime, “Harboring Aliens: Easier for Employers to Commit than Congress Intended,” New Orleans, Louisiana, March 4, 2015
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation, “Valuation of Temporary Construction Easements,” San Francisco, CA, February 6, 2015
- American Law Institute, Condemnation 101, “Tips and Traps for the Beginning Eminent Domain Trial Lawyer,” San Francisco, CA, February 5, 2015
- NBI-CLE, “Eminent Domain, From Start to Finish Seminar,” New Orleans, Louisiana, December 12, 2014
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation, “The Attorney and Expert: Adjustment and Cost to Cure in Theory and Practice,” New Orleans, LA, January 23, 2014
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation, “Condemnation Issues in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters: Case Studies in Louisiana and New Jersey,” New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2014
- American Law Institute, Condemnation 101, “Tips and Traps for the Beginning Eminent Domain Trial Lawyer,” New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2014
- American Law Institute, Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation, “Unique Eminent Domain and Appraisal Issues Caused by Floods and Oil Spills: Lessons Learned from Katrina and Other Disasters,” Miami Beach, FL, January 25, 2013
- American Law Institute, Condemnation 101, “Voi Dire in an Eminent Domain Jury Trial,” Miami Beach, FL, January 25, 2013
- American Law Institute, Condemnation 101, “Effective Closing Arguments in Eminent Domain Cases,” Miami Beach, FL, January 25, 2013
- American Law Institute, Condemnation 101, “Creative Use of Exhibits and Demonstrative Evidence in Domain Mediations and Trials,” San Diego, CA, January 27, 2012