

## **Caroline B. Smith**

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### **University Teaching Experience**

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#### **MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF LAW**

*Assistant Professor of Law*

August 2026-present

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure I and II; Legal Analysis and Communication I and II; and Critical Reading

*Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis and Communication*

August 2024-May 2026

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure I and II; Legal Analysis and Communication I and II; and Critical Reading

*Adjunct Professor*

Fall 2017

Course Taught: Legal Analysis and Communication III

Honor: 2026 1L Professor of the Year for Section Y

#### **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Graduate Assistant*

August 2011-May 2013

Courses Taught: Basic English, English Composition I and II

Honor: 2013 Donald Zacharias Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, Master's Level

### **Papers, Book Chapters, and Selected Blogs**

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*Book Chapter*, Mississippi Civil Procedure, "Appellate Practice," Caroline B. Smith and Luther T. Munford, West.

*Book Chapter*, Mississippi Civil Procedure, "Personal Jurisdiction," Caroline B. Smith and Deborah Challener, West.

*Book Chapter*, Mississippi Civil Procedure, "Appellate Practice," Caroline B. Smith and James Robertson, West.

*Online Resource*, Practical Law, "Legal Systems in the United States: Overview," West.

*Article*, C. Smith, J. Rosenblatt, E. Lindsay, Fifth Circuit and Mississippi Law: Asked and Answered (Or Not), *Mississippi College Law Review*, Issue 2, Volume 43, forthcoming.

*Blog*, LLCs & Jurisdictional Allegations in the Fifth Circuit: It's Membership, not Ownership, July 1, 2024, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/llcs-jurisdictional-allegations-in-the-9597915/>

*Blog*, Turtles All the Way Down? New Amendment Requires Disclosure of Ultimate Ownership of LLCs, May 11, 2022, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/turtles-all-the-way-down-new-amendment-7734434/>

*Blog*, You Don't Have to Sue the Plaintiffs at Home, But You Can't Stay Here, October 21, 2020, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/you-don-t-have-to-sue-the-plaintiffs-at-43924/>

*Blog*, Agreement Isn't Enough: The Fifth Circuit Examines Diversity Jurisdiction Sua Sponte, April 24, 2020, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/agreement-isn-t-enough-the-fifth-42340/>

*Blog*, Revisions to the Residual Exception Contained in Federal Rule of Evidence 807 Seek to Provide Clarity and Uniformity, July 17, 2019, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/revisions-to-the-residual-exception-22593/>

*Blog*, Sayonara Supersedeas? December 2018 Updates to the Bond Requirements in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, April 25, 2019, available at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/sayonara-supersedeas-december-2018-28973/>

*Thesis*, Student and instructor perceptions of the use of online translators in English Composition, (2013), available at <https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/td/4103>

## **Presentations**

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Presenter, "Information and Belief or a Wish and a Prayer: Pleading the Citizenship of LLCs for Purposes of Diversity Jurisdiction," Civil Procedure Workshop, Fordham University, June 2026.

Moderator, "The Life and Legacy of Judge E. Grady Jolly," Appellate Practice Section of the Mississippi Bar CLE, May 2026.

Moderator, "Advocacy at the Highest Level: Mississippi Practitioners' Experiences Arguing before the United States Supreme Court," Mississippi College School of Law CLE, April 2026.

Speaker, "Mapmaker, Mapmaker, Make Me a Map: Using grammar and selective detail for clear and compelling legal analysis," Mississippi Law Clerk and Judicial Staff Attorney CLE, October 2025.

Guest Lecturer, “English Majors and the Law,” English Studies, Mississippi State University, November 6, 2024.

Speaker, “Legal Writing in a TL;DR\* Culture: Sharpening your message for an increasingly busy audience,” Mississippi Law Clerk and Judicial Staff Attorney CLE, October 2024.

Guest Lecturer, “English Majors and the Law,” English Studies, Mississippi State University, November 7, 2023.

Speaker, “Non-Retained Experts: Leveraging the Opinions of Specialized Eye-Witnesses and Participants,” Strafford Publishing, May 2021.

Speaker, “Practical Tips for Practice Before the Fifth Circuit,” University of Mississippi Center for Continuing Legal Education, Ridgeland, Miss. October 26, 2018.

Speaker, “Student and Instructor Perceptions of Online Translators,” TESOL/Applied Linguistics Graduate Student Conference, East Carolina University, February 16, 2013.

### **University Service**

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| Chair, Student Services Committee                  | August 2024-present      |
| Member, Legal Analysis and Communication Committee | August 2024-present      |
| Coach, Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition | Spring 2025, Spring 2026 |
| Advisor to students writing law review comments    | 2024-present             |

### **Clerkship**

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| The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit | August 2017-August 2018 |
| The Honorable Leslie H. Southwick                        |                         |

### **Legal Experience**

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| Associate, Butler Snow LLP  | August 2018-August 2024 |
| Of Counsel, Butler Snow LLP | August 2024-present     |

- Achieved summary judgment on behalf of financial institution client on alleged liability for forged signatures.
- Achieved dismissal of putative class action lawsuit against client based on lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Secured affirmance of chancery court order involving judgment creditor’s attempt to charge the debtor’s interest in an estate.
- Secured affirmance of chancery court order related to trustee-client’s management of the trust at issue.
- Served as trial counsel in first-party insurance dispute, securing dismissal of bad faith and extracontractual claims.

- Secured partial summary judgment on contractors' statute-of-repose affirmative defenses in multi-million dollar construction dispute, arguing that the statute of repose does not run against the State.
- Assisted in representation of publicly traded company in federal district court in Chicago, defeating TRO attempting to stop client's \$7.5 billion transaction selling assets in 20 states.
- Secured dismissal on basis of failure to state a claim in negligent construction claim filed in federal court.
- Secured dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction in breach of contract claim filed in federal court against aviation company.
- Secured dismissal for failure to state a claim based on exclusive remedy defense provided by worker's compensation laws in multi-plaintiff personal injury suit filed in federal court.

### Professional Associations

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Current chair of the Appellate Section of the Mississippi Bar, and previously served in leadership positions in Mississippi Women Lawyers' Association; Jackson Young Lawyers; and the Young Lawyers Division of the Mississippi Bar.

### Education

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#### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctorate, 2017  
*Summa cum laude*

#### *Honors and Activities:*

- Law Review, Managing Editor
- Moot Court Board, External Appellate Competition Chair
- Graduated first in class
- Other Awards: Joey Phillips Memorial Award; McGlinchey Stafford Award, for the student with the highest average at the end of the first year; Robert M. Hearin Scholar; and Order of the Barristers.

#### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in English, 2013

*Honor: Second Place Winner, 2013 Applied Research Oral Presentation, Student and instructor perceptions of the use of online translators in English Composition*

#### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in English, 2011  
*Summa cum laude*

*Honor: Society of Scholars (predecessor to Mississippi State University's Phi Beta Kappa chapter, which maintained parallel requirements to those of Phi Beta Kappa)*

### Bar Admission

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