

Susan Smith understands especially enjoys helping families sort through divorce, custody disputes, and same-sex family-law issues. She has experience bringing and defending enforcement actions, modifications, paternity suits, and other family-law related litigation. She is most at home the courtroom but understands that sometimes the best results are reached when the parties themselves have a voice in the outcome.

Susan is a die-hard Aggie but got her law degree from Texas Tech. She spends as much time as she can outside, hiking, camping, and going on archeology digs all over Texas and New Mexico.

EXPERIENCE

Susan Smith Family Law, Fort Worth, Texas
Law Office of Susan F. Smith, PLLC, Fort Worth, Texas
Owner (Aug. 2015 – Present)

Gardner & Smith, PLLC, Fort Worth, Texas
*changed to Gardner, Smith & Hill, PLLC - July 2020
Partner (Jan. 2016 – Nov. 2022)
Of Counsel (Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2015)

Varghese & Smith, PLLC, Fort Worth, Texas
*changed to Varghese, Summersett & Smith, PLLC – 2015
Partner (2014-2015)

Cantey Hanger, LLP, Fort Worth, Texas
Associate Attorney (2009-2014)

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2006, cum laud
Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, TX, J.D., 2009, cum laud
Law Review, Comment Editor

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Texas
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Tarrant County Bar Association
Texas Young Lawyers Association, Director, District 10 (2017 – 2021)
Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court – Associate (2011-2013), Barrister (2016-2019)



Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, President – 2016
Board of Directors (2011-2016)

Tarrant County Womens Attorney Section, Board of Directors – 2016

North Texas Society for Healthcare Risk Management Board of Directors (2014-2016)

North Texas Archeological Society

Texas Archeological Society

HONORS

Texas Super Lawyer 2020, 2021, 2022 2018 "Rising Star" by SuperLawyers Magazine "Top Attorney" in Fort Worth, Texas Magazine (2012-2021)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Co-Speaker and Co-Author: "Driving the Bus Without Getting Thrown Under It: What to do when clients want to 'bend' your ethics" Handling Your First (or Next) Divorce, January 2021 Speaker: "Family Law F.A.Q." Texas Aggie Bar Association Annual Conference, March 2, 2018 Planning Committee "When Immigration and Executive Orders Clash" February 2017 Speaker: "Family Law F.A.Q." Texas Minority Counsel Program Annual Conference. September 30, 2016

Co-Speaker: "Same Sex Divorce: Just another 'vanilla' divorce, or is it?" Fort Worth Paralegal Association Webinar, Aug. 23, 2016

Speaker: "Same Sex Divorce: Just another 'vanilla' divorce, or is it?" Panhandle Family Law Association, Feb. 17, 2016, Luncheon Presentation