

H. T. SMITH

H.T. Smith - -one of Miami's distinguished native sons -- was born in Miami and educated in Miami's public school system. He is a proud graduate of Florida A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. Upon his graduation, H. T. was commissioned an officer in the United States Army, where he served a tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He returned home to earn a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

H.T. began his legal career by blazing new trails, as Miami-Dade County's first African-American assistant public defender, and then as Miami-Dade County's first African-American assistant county attorney. For the past 34 years, H. T. has practiced law in Miami, specializing in criminal defense, civil rights and personal injury. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Florida Superlawyers and Law and Leading American Attorneys. Also, the National Law Journal has recognized H. T. as one of the top trial lawyers in America.

H. T. served as the founding President of the Black Lawyers Association of Miami-Dade County (now known as the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association), where he served four (4) terms as its President and President of the 20,000 member National Bar Association.

In 1995, H. T., along with two other lawyers, raised \$4 million dollars and built the NFL Yet Center in the Scott Carver neighborhood. This Youth Center provides homework assistance, computer training, arts and crafts, and all types of sporting activities, to include fencing, for 500 kids daily.

H.T. presently serves on the Executive Committee of the University of Miami Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of OUR KIDS, Inc. which provides support and services to all abused, abandoned and neglected children in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

In 2003, H.T. was tapped to become the first Director of the Trial Advocacy Program at Florida International University College of Law. Under his leadership, the Trial Advocacy Program and the Mock Trial Team have gained statewide recognition as one of the best among Florida's 10 law schools. In 2006, the student body honored H.T. by presenting him the prestigious "Spirit Award" for his consistent commitment to excellence as a legal educator.

In addition to his many professional and community endeavors, H.T. is the proud father of three daughters - Wyndi, Katrell and Talia.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Admitted to the Florida Bar: May 1, 1973

Admitted to Practice Before:

United States Supreme Court
Florida Supreme Court
United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

PRIVATE PRACTICE

July, 1981 - present

H. T. Smith, P.A.

The law firm specializes in Personal Injury, Wrongful Death and Criminal Defense.

June 1, 1977 to June 30, 1981

Long and Smith, P.A.

The law firm specialized in civil, criminal, civil rights and administrative cases.

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

February, 1973 to May, 1976

Dade County, Florida

Defended hundreds of felony criminal cases and conducted numerous jury trials.

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

July, 1976 to June, 1977

Dade County, Florida

Represented judges, the police department and the Clerk of the Courts.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Miami School of Law, Juris Doctorate Degree, 1973

Honors: Dean's List

Bar and Gavel Honor Society

Moot Court Finalist

Florida A & M University, Bachelor of Science, 1968

Major: Mathematics

MILITARY BACKGROUND

Branch: Army

Rank: First Lieutenant

Combat: Vietnam War, served 1969-70

Status: Honorable Discharge, 1970

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Historical Society, 2006-present	
Member, Florida Judicial Management Council, 2006-present	
Member, Committee for the 50 th Anniversary Celebration of the Third District Court of Appeal, 2004-present	
Director of The Trial Advocacy Program, Florida International University	College of
Law, August 2003- present	
Legal Executive-in-Residence, College of Health and Urban Affairs, Florida	International
University, 2003-2005	
Member, Selection Committee for the Inaugural Dean at Florida International	University
College of Law, 2000	
Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida,	2000-2001
Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida,	1998-
2002	
Chairman, National Bar Institute, 1998-2000	
Member, Florida Constitution Revision Commission, 1997-1998	
Member, Board of Directors, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys	(Miami
Chapter), 1996-1997	
President, National Bar Association, 1994-1995	

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES cont.

Member, Board of Directors, University of Miami Law Alumni Association, 1987-1990	
Lecturer, " <i>Trial Advocacy</i> " and " <i>Human Rights</i> ", National Bar Association, Caribbean, and West and Southern Africa), 1985-present	(United States,
Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, Third District Court of Appeal of Florida, 1984-1988	
Board of Governors, National Bar Association, 1983-2000	
Member, Florida Sentencing Guidelines Commission, 1982-1984	
President, Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, 1982-1983	
Founding President, Black Lawyers Association of Dade County, 1976-1979	
Lecturer, Business Law Department, University of Miami, 1976-1977	

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, University of Miami, 2006-present	
Member, Crandon Park Master Plan Amendment Committee, 2006-present	
Board of Trustees, University of Miami, 2004- Present	
Member, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Search Committee, 2003	
Member, Miami-Dade County Elections Supervisor Selection Committee, 2003	
Co-Chair, Professor Robert H. Waters Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee,	2003
Member, Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Child Protection, 2002-2003	
Chairman, Solomon Barnes Scholarship Fund, 2002-Present	
Board of Directors, OUR KIDS of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Inc.,	2002- present
Chairman, Awards Committee, National Conference of Community and Justice, 2002	
Co-Chairman, "Say No" To Discrimination Campaign, 2002	
Founding Member and Vice-Chairman, SANKOFA, Inc., 2000-2005	
Member, City of Miami Blue Ribbon Redistricting Committee, 1997	
Advisory Board Member, Larkin Community Hospital, 1996-1997	
Board Member, Virgil Hawkins Civil Rights Foundation, Inc., 1996-1997	
Co-Chair of the Successful \$200 Million Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond 1996	Referendum,
Golden Heritage Life Member, NAACP	

Chairman, Board of Directors, Gwen Cherry Park Foundation, Inc., 1996-
 Chairman, Advisory Board, NFL YET Center at Gwen Cherry Park, 1995-2000
 Board of Directors, 5000 Black Role Models of Excellence, 1994-1999
 Steering Committee, Summit of the Americas, 1994

present

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES cont.

Advisory Board Member, Wachovia Bank, Dade/Monroe County Branches, 1993-2004	
Co-Chair, Miami Partners For Progress, 1993-1997	
Board of Directors, INROADS/Miami, 1993-1995	
Executive Committee, Community Partnership for the Homeless, 1993-1994	
Co-Founder, Black Executive Forum, 1993-1996	
Board of Trustees, We Will Rebuild (Hurricane Andrew reconstruction), 1992-1994	
Executive Committee, NAACP, Miami-Dade Branch, 1990-1995	
Co-Spokesperson, BOYCOTT MIAMI Campaign, 1990-1993	
Founder, Andrea Thomas Scholarship Fund, 1987-1992	
Steering Committee, <u>Black Enterprise Magazine's</u> Professional Exchange Forum, 1987	Network
Chairman, Coalition for a Free South Africa, 1984-1990	
Board of Directors, Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, 1984-1987	
Board of Trustees, Florida Memorial College, 1984-1986	
Blue Ribbon Committee to Negotiate for Miss Universe and Miss Teen USA Miami, 1984	Pageants in
Founder and Chairman of the Board, Miami-Dade Trade & Tourism Commission, Board of Directors, Legal Services of Greater Miami, 1977-1982	1983-1985
Chairman, Board of Directors, Coconut Grove Family Clinic, 1975-1976	
Life Member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity	

HONORS & AWARDS

Listed, <u>Best Lawyers in America</u> , 1995-present	
Listed, <u>Leading American Attorneys</u>	
Listed, America's Top Litigators, National Bar Journal, 1997	
Listed, Who's Who in Black South Florida, 2007	
Listed, Florida Superlawyers, 2007	
Vince Monroe Townsend, Jr. Legends Award, National Bar Association, 2006	
Pioneer Award, Student Bar Association, Florida International University College of Award of Excellence in Social Action, Lambda Tau Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Student Association, Florida International University, 2006	Law, 2006 and Black
Special Recognition Award, Cities of Homestead and Florida City, 2006	
Service Award, Communities In Schools, 2006	
Champion of Youth Award, Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami, 2005	
Outstanding Service Award, National Bar Association, Judicial Council, 2004	
Community Service Award, Crestview Elementary School, May, 2004	
Achievement Award, Gwen Cherry Boys & Girls Club of Miami, 2003	

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The Thomas Davidson, III Memorial Service Award, University of Miami Law Association, 2003	Alumni
Certificate of Merit, Dade County Bar Association, 2002	
Helping Hand Award, Laura Latimer Free Legal Clinic, 2002	
Leadership and Service Award, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Association, 2002	Bar

	Community Service Award, Metro Miami Action Plan Trust, 2002	
	Citizen of the Year Award, The King of Clubs of Greater Miami Inc., 2002	
	BellSouth African American Calendar Honoree, 2002	
	Shaker Award, Millennium Movers, 2002	
2001	Achievement Award, Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South	Florida, Inc.,
2001	Community Service Award, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of National Bar	Association,
	Leadership Award, NFL YET Center at Gwen Cherry Park, 2001	
	Chairman's Award, Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, 2001	
	Gertrude E. Rush Achievement Award, National Bar Association, 2001	
	Community Service Award, Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival, 2000	
	Service Award, NFL YET Center Advisory Board, 2000	
	Civil Rights Spirit Award, WMBM Radio Station, 2000	
	Distinguished Alumni Award, Florida A&M University, 1999	
	Speaker's Award, United States Attorney's Office, 1999	
	Silver Medallion Award, National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1998	
	Recognized in the <u>National Law Journal</u> as one of America's Top Litigators, 1997	
	Community Service Award, Bethune-Cookman College Alumni Association	(Miami-Dade
	Chapter), 1997	
	Speaker's Award, Florida Memorial College, 1996	
	Speaker's Cup, Washington Bar Association, 1995	
	Lifetime Achievement Award, City of Fort Lauderdale, FL., 1994	
	Leadership Award, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, 1994	
	Living Legend Award, W. J. Redmond Christian Academy, 1994	
	Black Male Role Model Award, Children & Families, Inc. of Broward County, 1994	
	Community Service Award, South Florida Cluster, Links, Inc., 1994	
	Grand Honoree, Black Lawyers Association of Dade County, 1994	
	Civil Rights Award, National Dental Association, 1993	
	Miami Herald's Charles Whited Spirit of Excellence Award, 1993	
	Award of Excellence, Metro-Miami Action Plan, 1993	
	Community Service Award, New Providence Blue Lodge #365, 1993	
	Act of Courage Award, American Civil Liberties Union of Miami, 1992	
	Achievement Award, Mount Moriah Lodge #96, 1992	
	Black History Month Award, Dade County Correctional Institute Inmates, 1992	
	Chairman's Award, James E. Scott Community Association, 1992	
	Community Service Award, St. Luke Cousin Memorial AME Church, 1992	

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Leadership Award, Florida Memorial College Senior Class, 1992	
Outstanding Community Service Award, Beta Tau Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, 1992	
Humanitarian of the Year Award, City of Opa Locka, FL, 1991	
Award of Appreciation, Pine Villa Montessori Elementary School, 1991	
Black Heritage Award, United Black Students, Miami-Dade Community (South Campus), 1991	College
Community Leadership Award, Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Sabbath School, 1991	
Community Leadership Award, Pan African Development, 1991	
Community Service Award, Kerr Memorial United Methodist Church, 1991	
Community Service Award, Northside Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1991	
Founders Day Award, Miami Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, 1991	
Kwanzaa Umoja Award, Cultural Arts Coalition, 1991	
Leadership Award, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee, Pompano, FL, 1991	1991
Leadership Award, Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, 1991	
Special Service Award, National Conference of Black Lawyers, 1991	
Neal Adams/Richard Powell Civil Rights Award, NAACP, Miami-Dade Branch, 1991	
Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Progressive Officers Club, Metro-Dade Police 1991	Department,
Outstanding Community Service Award, The African- American Students of Community College, (North Campus), 1991	Miami-Dade
Outstanding Community Service Award, Eta Nu Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, 1991	Sorority, 1991
Outstanding Section Leader Award, National Bar Association, 1991	
South Florida's Most Influential Blacks, <u>Strive</u> Magazine, 1991	
Unsung Hero Award, The Miami Agenda, 1991	
Scroll of Honor, Sigma Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 1990	
Freedom Fighter Award, Greater Miami NAACP, 1985 and 1988	
Man of the Year Award, The King of Clubs, 1987	
Presidential Award, National Bar Association, 1986	
Equal Rights and Justice Award, Legal Services of Greater Miami, 1985	
Leadership Award, South Florida Chapter, Boy Scouts of America, 1985	
Listed, <u>Outstanding Young Men in America</u> , 1981	
Achievement Award, Miami Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, 1980	
Distinguished Community Service Award, Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 1980	1980
Image Maker Award, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 1980	
Virgil Hawkins Achievement Award, Black Lawyers Association, 1980	
Listed, <u>Who's Who in American Law</u> , 1977	