



## **Brooke Smith**

Partner

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Brooke Smith is a seasoned litigator with extensive experience representing individuals, closely held companies, and complex organizations in high stakes disputes in state and federal courts. Her practice spans business torts, commercial litigation, civil rights matters, and foreign discovery actions brought under 28 U.S.C. § 1782. She also routinely handles matters involving business torts, employment issues such as discrimination and restrictive covenants, wage and hour disputes, and a broad range of tort and insurance claims. Brooke has the knowledge and skill set to litigate a matter through settlement or final judgment, with significant trial experience representing parties in numerous jury and bench trials in Indiana and federal courts.

In addition to her trial level work, Brooke maintains a robust appellate practice, having represented clients in more than fifty appeals before the Indiana Court of Appeals, Indiana Supreme Court, and Seventh Circuit. Her experience across interconnected legal areas enables her to guide clients through complex, multifaceted disputes with clarity and strategic focus.

### **Education**

- J.D., Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2014
- B.A., Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2011

### **Bar & Court Admissions**

- Indiana, 2015
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

### **Practices**

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Appellate
- Trust and Estate Litigation
- Business Services



- Labor and Employment
- Construction Litigation

### Industries

- Construction

### Representative Experience

- Reached multi-million dollar outcomes for clients at both mediation and final judgment
- Served as counsel in more than fifty federal district court matters, including breach of contract disputes, federal civil rights litigation, and foreign discovery actions under 28 U.S.C. § 1782.
- Represented clients in numerous jury and bench trials in Indiana state and federal courts.
- Achieved a seven figure settlement in mediation before a federal magistrate judge.

### Professional Associations

- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- American Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Co-Founder, Classrooms to Courtrooms, Inc. – a 501(c)(3) dedicated to supporting high school students
- Member, Women's Fund of Central Indiana
  - OPTIONS 18 Participant
  - The Sage Society

### Awards & Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America® 2024-2025
  - Commercial Litigation, 2025
  - Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2024-2025
- 2024 Young Lawyer of the Year by Indianapolis Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Leader Series Class XXI
- Indianapolis University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Norman Lefstein Award of Excellence