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U.S. District Court, Northern District of
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Stetson University College of Law
Gulfport, Florida, 2006
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Ruel W. Smith

Mr. Ruel W. Smith is an Associate in the Tampa Office of Broad and Cassel. He is a member of the Firm's Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights and Special Assets Practice Groups.

- Mr. Smith's practice focuses on health law, real estate and general contract disputes.
- He has experience representing and advising managed care organizations on a wide range of issues.
- Mr. Smith is admitted to practice in all of Florida's state courts and U.S. district courts.
- Mr. Smith previously clerked with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, assisting federal prosecutors in a lengthy, nationally publicized racketeering trial.
- While at Stetson University College of Law, Mr. Smith was presented the Walter Mann Award for having shown the greatest promise of outstanding leadership to the legal profession, the Victor O. Wehle Award for excellence in trial advocacy, and the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award for community service. As a member of Stetson's mock trial team, Mr. Smith won a national mock trial championship, received a Best Advocate award, and was inducted into the Order of the Barristers.
- Before his legal career, Mr. Smith served with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne and 3rd Infantry Divisions in leadership positions from platoon leader to company commander. In 2003, then-Captain Smith was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for his actions in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Mr. Smith is committed to various community organizations, including Operation Helping Hand, an initiative to assist wounded American service members and their families.