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Background

Melinda Watts Smith has extensive experience in the preparation of complex wills, trusts and other estate planning documents as well as in probate and guardianship administration proceedings. Her practice includes asset protection through formation of limited partnerships, limited liability companies and trust documents. She also has a great deal of experience in both commercial and residential real estate transactions, including negotiating contracts and continuing through document preparation for closing. Melinda also advises many business clients in selecting the entity best suited for their business and is involved in the formation of the business entity.

Awards & Recognitions

Named a Top Attorney in Probate, Estates & Trust by Fort Worth, Texas Magazine for 2010 – present.

Recognized as a Top Attorney by 360 West Magazine 2018 to present

Named one of Fort Worth Business Press “Elite 100” Top Attorneys in Tarrant County in 2003, 2004 & 2005.

Areas of Practice

Asset Protection
Commercial & Residential Real Estate
Corporate & Business Law
Estate Planning
Probate
Trusts

Associations & Memberships

Cassata High School Board of Directors (2010)
Tarrant County Probate Bar Association
City of Bedford: Council Member (1994-1998)
STARS Theater Company, Board of Directors (1999-Present)
The College of the State Bar of Texas
Tarrant County Bar Association

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Education

- JD Texas Tech University (1983)
- BA University of Texas in Arlington (1981)

Bar Admissions

- Texas Bar (1984)
- US District Court for the Northern District of Texas