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Overview

Aaron's practice is litigation focused, working on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants. However, his core practice involves defense of individuals and businesses in many different types of cases, including premises liability, medical malpractice, wrongful death and professional negligence. His experience on both sides of the courtroom enables him to anticipate how his opposing counsel and their clients might think, and anticipate their next move.

It's given him exceptional experience in negotiating claims, leading to multiple dismissals of claims and settling large cases. "The very best part of my work is the moment when we've won the case or negotiated a good outcome that allows my client to move forward with their business and their lives," Aaron says. "It is my goal to get my clients back to their normal lives and ability to operate their businesses, or as close to it as possible, while reaching a fair and equitable agreement for all involved

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Law
- Professional Liability
- Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Personal Injury

and not dragging out a case any longer than necessary.”

Aaron works with some of the firms’ largest clients on medical malpractice defense, including wrongful death and product liability cases. The cases are often incredibly complex, involving multiple entities and detailed medical records. Aaron’s extensive experience, deep knowledge of the law and mind for details helps him examine the case from every angle and present possible solutions to the client, enabling a faster resolution for all involved.

His work handling both defense and plaintiffs’ cases also helps him give business owners solid advice on avoiding risk. Aaron drafts and reviews contracts, helps businesses handle thorny employment issues and represents businesses facing regulatory problems.

Aaron also regularly represents and advises governmental agencies with regard to employment issues, civil rights claims, planning and zoning and land use regulation. He has also worked with government agencies on law enforcement and jail policy and procedure. “One of the most valuable things an attorney can do for a client is to provide advice on how to avoid risk,” Aaron says. “The work we do to prevent lawsuits saves a lot of headache and ultimately reduces the amount clients have to spend with us to continue to be successful. The work is particularly gratifying when an issue comes up later and you know that you’ve already addressed this with a client and shouldn’t have any problems. We all sleep better at night when issues are anticipated and handled ahead of time.”

Aaron is past President of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association and currently serves as chair of the firm’s Practice Management Committee. He also serves as chair of the Litigation Practice Group. He lives in Bowling Green, is married and has two daughters.

GOOGLE REVIEWS:

“Aaron Smith and Heather Renick made the process easy from beginning to end. I could not have asked for a better team. Their knowledge and effort unmatched. I would choose this company again and I highly recommend them.” – Nicole Whitlock

“We were fortunate to have Aaron Smith handle our case. He came highly recommended by another respected Attorney. We couldn’t be more pleased with his handling of our case. He was very focused on law. He was also considerate of us on a personal level. Aaron and his staff always answered all our

questions in a fast professional manner. Also J.A. Sowell was obviously a great asset ,even though we never had the privilege of meeting him. A special Thank you to Aaron Smith, J.A. Sowell, Tonya Gaines, and Risa Gilliam. We are very pleased with our outcome, and would highly recommend ELPO Law.” – Daryl Johnson

Credentials

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D., 2006
- Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Law
- Centre College, B.A., 2003

Admission

- Kentucky, 2006
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

- American, Kentucky and Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Associations
- American Association for Justice
- Kentucky Justice Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Kentucky Academy of Hospital Attorneys

Community Involvement

- Leadership Bowling Green, Class of 2007
- Southcentral Kentucky American Red Cross Board of Directors, 2009 to 2012
- Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association, Secretary 2011, Vice President, 2012, President, 2013
- University of Kentucky, Warren County Alumni Board of Directors, 2009 to 2010
- United Way of Southern Kentucky Board of Directors, 2025
- Community Foundation of Southcentral Kentucky Board of Directors, 2026

Insights

News

- Shaping Constitutional Law: Why Our Firm's Recent Sixth Circuit Argument Matters to Our Community
- Sixth Circuit Reverses Denial of Qualified Immunity in Taser Ignition Case
- ELPO Law Attorneys Aaron D. Smith and F. Nathan Vinson Assist in Local Restaurant Acquisition
- Bob Young, Aaron Smith attend ABA TECHSHOW
- Aaron Smith joins practice management committee
- Aaron Smith ends term as local bar President
- Aaron Smith elected President of local bar association
- Aaron Smith and Samantha Propp named partner
- Aaron Smith elected Secretary of local bar association