



GRASFORD W. SMITH

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EDUCATION

J.D., New York University School of Law, Vanderbilt Medal Recipient
B.S., Florida State University, *summa cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

The Florida Bar
New York State Bar
The District of Columbia Bar
(Inactive)

RE-ELECT GRASFORD SMITH

Palm Beach County Bar Association Board of Directors

ABOUT GRASFORD

Grasford Smith concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, cybersecurity and transactional matters. He has represented a diverse clientele, including Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, athletic leagues, technology companies, and a United States Congressman, in addition to a variety of small and medium-sized businesses. Grasford approaches dispute resolution as an opportunity to further his clients' business goals. He develops comprehensive yet practical legal solutions by first understanding his clients' businesses as opposed to focusing solely on specific legal needs.

Grasford gained extensive dispute resolution experience at prestigious international law firms in New York and Washington, D.C. He handles local and national disputed matters concerning corporate governance, government enforcement actions, non-compete and confidentiality agreements, trade secrets, real estate matters, construction defects, franchises, products liability, intellectual property, eminent domain, and disciplinary/admission matters before the Florida Bar. Grasford also lectures at a local university on business law.

While a student on a Dean's Scholarship at New York University School of Law, Grasford served as a Summer Associate on Wall Street for a leading global investment bank where he developed recommendations and drafted revisions for firm wide policies and procedures. He served as a Judicial Intern on the Bronx Supreme Court for Judge Troy K. Webber (who currently serves as the Associate Justice for the Appellate Division First Judicial Department) where he assisted in drafting published opinions on commercial cases. He also served as the Founding Executive Editor of the NYU Journal of Law & Business and a Staff Editor of the NYU Journal of Legislation & Public Policy in addition to serving as Teaching Assistant for Constitutional Law and Lawyering. While at Florida State University on a full academic scholarship, Grasford served as the President of the Management Information Systems Association, received the College of Business Achievement Scholarship, and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines.



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“Grasford demonstrates a deep commitment to the Palm Beach County community and legal industry. I believe that his leadership will continue to positively contribute to the PBCBA in support of its members and mission.”

Scott G. Hawkins
Jones Foster Vice Chair
2011-2012 Florida Bar President
2000-2001 PBCBA President

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & AFFILIATIONS

- Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association
President Elect, 2018-2019
Vice President, 2017-2018
- Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County
President Elect, 2019-Present
Board Member, 2014-Present
- The Florida Bar 15th Circuit Grievance Committee 15E
Vice Chair, 2019-Present
Member, 2017-Present
- Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity
President, Epsilon Lambda Boule, 2019-Present
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
National Associate General Counsel, 2018-Present
- Palm Beach County School District
Sales Tax Oversight Committee Member, 2017-Present
- NYU Law Alumni of Color Association
Advisory Board, 2017-Present; Board Member, 2006-2016
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
Board Member, 2016-Present
Transaction Law Committee Chair, 2013-2014
- Economic Council of Palm Beach County Emerging Leaders
Member, 2016-Present
- Anquan Boldin Foundation
Board Member & General Counsel, 2015-Present
- National Bar Assoc., Minority Partners in Majority Law Firms
Vice-Chair, 2014-Present
Parliamentarian, 2014-2015
- Florida Bar Civil Procedure Rules Committee
Member, 2014-2017
- Urban League of Palm Beach County
General Counsel, 2013-Present
Board Member, 2013-Present
- Florida Bar Leadership Academy
Inaugural Graduate, 2013-2014
- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
Board Member, 2011-Present
- F. Malcolm Cunningham Sr. Bar Association
President, 2010-2011

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Best Lawyers in America
Commercial Litigation, 2019
- Martindale-Hubbell
AV® Peer Review Rated, 2013-Present
- South Florida Legal Guide
Top Up and Comer, 2018
- NYU Law Alumni of Color Association,
40 Under 40 Rising Stars, 2018
- Anquan Boldin Foundation
Service Award, 2018
- Florida Super Lawyers
Rising Star, 2013-2016
- Daily Business Review
Rising Star, 2015
- National Black Lawyers
Top 100 Lawyers, 2015
- Legacy Palm Beach Magazine
South Florida's Most Powerful Black Professionals in
Business, 2013
- National Bar Association
Nation's Best Advocates, 40 Under 40, 2011
- F. Malcolm Cunningham Sr. Bar Association
Member of the Year, 2011