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— BIOGRAPHY

Sarah Smith is an associate in the firm's Litigation Practice Group, where she focuses on employment, education, and special education law. Her practice is concentrated on representing school districts in a range of matters, including special education disputes, due process proceedings, and compliance with federal and state education laws.

Sarah has significant recent experience advising districts on the intersection of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Arkansas law, as well as defending districts in complex due process hearings. She also regularly counsels clients through administrative proceedings and has presented on legal issues impacting public schools, with an emphasis on special education.

Prior to joining the firm, Sarah clerked for the Honorable D. Price Marshall Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas and externed for the Honorable Kristine Baker. She earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Arkansas School of Law, where she served as an Articles Editor for the Arkansas Law Review, and holds a B.A. in History, summa cum laude, from the University of Arkansas.

— EDUCATION

- University of Arkansas School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2022
 - Articles Editor, *Arkansas Law Review*
 - Published, The Problem of Qualified Immunity in K-12 Schools, 74 Ark. L. Rev. 805 (2022), *Arkansas Law Review*
 - Awarded the Judge Thomas Butt Excellence in Legal Writing Prize
 - Top Paper Award in Legal Writing I & II
 - Marshal, *Phi Alpha Delta*
- University of Arkansas, B.A., History, *summa cum laude*, 2019
 - Honors College
 - Recipient of the J. William Fulbright Prize for Distinction in the Liberal Arts

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- Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas