



## **Shannon P. Smith**

Shannon P. Smith is a member of Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC in Morgantown, WV, and currently serves as the President of The West Virginia State Bar. Shannon's practice is dedicated to the areas of insurance defense, energy and natural resources, commercial law, and general litigation.

Shannon attended the Honors College at Clemson University and received a B.S. in Business Administration from West Virginia University in 2002. In 2006, she earned a J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law, graduating as a member of the Order of the Barristers.

A graduate of Leadership Monongalia, Shannon is an active member of organizations, previously serving as President of the Monongalia County Bar Association; District 14 Representative and then on to Chair for the Young Lawyer Board of The West Virginia State Bar; District 14 Representative to the Board of Governors and then on to President of The West Virginia State Bar.

Within the community, Shannon has served on a number of non-profit Boards and has served since 2007 as a Team Captain for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Most recently, she has initiated and organized "Lawyers for LUCAS," which benefits the WVU Cancer Institute's mobile Lung Cancer Screening unit.

Shannon's many accolades include being named a West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellow in 2023, being listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers with an AV Preeminent rating, in West Virginia Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star," and in Best Lawyers in America. She has received the Westfield Insurance Golden Gavel Award for Successful Trial Results and was honored by the West Virginia University College of Law Women's Leadership Counsel with the Outstanding Woman in the Law for Private Practice Award.

Shannon has served as Adjunct Lecturer of Appellate Advocacy, Trial Advocacy, and Practical Legal Writing at West Virginia University College of Law.

Shannon has been married to Michael, a high school teacher and coach, for 22 years and is a proud Mom to 12-year-old Seamus.