



## **MATTHEW P. SMITH**

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*Matt is a member of Butler Snow's litigation department and practices within the Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Healthcare Group.*

## **PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS**

- Commercial Litigation
- Drug and Device Litigation
- Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Healthcare

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Matthew P. Smith concentrates his practice on complex products liability cases, primarily involving pharmaceutical products and medical devices.
- Matt has substantial experience in complex pharmaceutical actions in both state and federal courts nationwide. He defends manufacturers in cases involving over-the-counter medications, prescription drugs, medical devices, and other products, and has significant involvement with all stages and aspects of cases, including discovery, expert witnesses, trial preparation, and trial.

### **Representative matters:**

- Representation of pharmaceutical company in state and federal litigation involving claims of Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and/or Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis from an over-the-counter medication, including serving on the trial team for more than 10 jury trials.
- Representation of pharmaceutical company in thousands of suits in a state coordinated litigation involving claims of gynecomastia and other alleged injuries from a prescription medication.
- Representation of medical device company in state and federal litigation involving claims of injury from use of sutures.
- Representation of company and laboratory in suits alleging HIV and hepatitis exposure from reuse of needles during phlebotomy procedures.
- Representation of company in litigation involving claims of chemical burns from tagless labels in baby clothing.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2006
- Tennessee, 2019
- U.S. District Courts
  - California: Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern
- U.S. Court of Appeals
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit

## DISTINCTIONS

- *Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>
  - California, Personal Injury: Products, Rising Stars, 2013-2018

## ASSOCIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- American Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Bar Association of San Francisco
- Tennessee Bar Association

## EDUCATION & HONORS

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D., 2006
- University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 2003

## PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "[FDA Streamlines 510\(k\) Process, As Courts Reconsider It](#)," *Law 360*, November 2018.
- Author, "Tragic, but Is It a Wrongful Death? Tips for Defending a Suicide Case," *The Brief* (American Bar Association), Spring 2015.