# UNDERWOOD

**AARON M. SMITH** 

Associate



Aaron Smith's ability to quickly create and execute an effective plan of action means even the most unexpected problems will be met with rapid and high-quality service.

Aaron Smith's post-graduate degrees in theology and business administration help him to navigate complex litigation issues by considering what should be done, and what can practically be done. His teaching experience at public and private schools, churches, and legal programs allows him to offer clients strong and effective communication and top-notch written and oral advocacy.

He previously served as the Chief Law Clerk to United States
Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, Northern District of Texas, Amarillo
Division where he worked on both civil and criminal trials, as well
as national-profile cases. Working inside the court system with
some of the country's sharpest legal minds gave him insight into
the experiential considerations of the federal district court system.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Served as the Chief Law Clerk to United States Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division from 2023–2024.

Intern for United States Judge Reed O'Connor, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division, 2020.

Extern for United States Magistrate Judge Jeffrey C. Manske, Western District of Texas, Waco Division, 2021.

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

Federalist Society, Blackstone Legal Fellowship, Fellow, 2020

# PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Author, One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: June Medical Revives the Casey Standard for Abortion Jurisprudence, 74 Baylor Law Review 219, (2022)

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# **PRACTICE AREAS**

Civil Rights

**Employment** 

Healthcare

Litigation

Real Estate

# **ADMISSIONS**

State Bar of Texas, 2023

United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2023

#### **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctor, Baylor Law School, 2022

Master of Business Administration, Bellarmine University, W. Fielding Rubel School of Business, 2019

Master of Arts in Theological Studies—Apologetics, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2018

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Illinois Wesleyan University, 2014

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# **OUTSIDE THE OFFICE**

Aaron Smith enjoys spending time doing all that Amarillo has to offer with his wife and children. They enjoy Sod Poodles baseball, hiking in Palo Duro Canyon, and are actively involved in their local church. He was also a two-time Academic All-American and NCAA Finalist in track & field, 800 meters.