

## **Resume of Karen S. Smith**

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### **Experience**

- Feb 2007 - present **Attorney (solo practice)**, Montgomery County, MD  
Practice focused on education, family, landlord/tenant, and employment law in an education context. Prior to 2013, practice limited to education law, including the representation of parents with regard to the special education needs of their children, at both the state and local level, attending IEP meetings and communicating with school personnel on behalf of and with parents, second charring special education litigation, representation of children with juvenile authorities, and representation of a non-profit group working to start an innovative charter school.
- Oct 1993- Feb 2007 **At home**, Bethesda, MD  
Beginning Sept 1999: Volunteer advocacy for the improvement of public education, including oral and written testimony before the Board of Education and the County Council on both operating and capital budgets; lobbying at the county, state, and federal levels on curriculum issues and the education of special populations. Prior to Sept 1999, took time out of paid employment to raise children.
- Sept 1990 - Sept 1992 **Associate, Widett, Slater & Goldman, P.C.**, Boston, MA  
Responsibilities in commercial litigation included: researching and writing memoranda; writing, filing and arguing motions; drafting discovery requests and preparing answers to requests for discovery; conducting hearings and negotiating the settlement of small cases. Areas of practice included insurance law, finance, commercial torts, entertainment law, and collections.
- Oct 1986 - Aug 1987 **Computer Security Analyst, The MITRE Corporation**, Bedford, MA  
Assessed currently available computer security technology to determine its possible uses within the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Prepared and presented briefings on computer security technology.
- Nov 1982 - Sept 1986 **Computer Systems Analyst, Computer Sciences Corporation**, Greenbelt, MD  
Software engineer for the development, installation and maintenance of a secure communications guard device built for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Implemented enhancements and resolved problems in other NASA network communications software.
- Sept 1981 - Oct 1982 **Graphics Systems Analyst, Decision Resources, Inc.**, Washington, DC  
Designed and customized graphics software packages for business and government applications.
- July 1978 - Sept 1981 **Computer Programmer/Analyst, Bureau of the Census**, Suitland, MD  
Designed and implemented programs for statistical analysis and publication graphics.

### **Education**

B.A. in Mathematics 1978, Earlham College, Richmond, IN.  
J.D. 1990, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (Law Review '88-90).

### **Admitted to practice**

Maryland, 1993; U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, 2012; U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 2012.  
Massachusetts, 1990; U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 1990 (voluntarily withdrew from Massachusetts licensures in 2005).

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