

# Johanna E. Smith

## Associate Attorney

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Johanna E. Smith is an associate in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Houston office.

Johanna practices in the firm's Litigation Department, where she represents and counsels clients through the entire lifecycle of complex litigation.

Johanna has represented clients in state and federal court in a wide range of subject matters—from technology and real estate to energy, entertainment, and financial services.

### Recent Representative Matters:

- Won judgment on the pleadings for a social media company based on Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.
- Defended commodities trading house in electricity market-related FERC civil enforcement action.
- Represented enterprise software company in breach-of-contract dispute.
- Defended social media company in case of first impression interpreting Texas's biometrics law.
- Represented energy company in breach-of-contract dispute relating to petrochemical terminal ownership.

Before joining the firm, Johanna served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Wollman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Johanna earned her law degree *magna cum laude* from Washington University School of Law, where she served as Executive Notes Editor for the *Journal of Law & Policy* and worked as a research assistant to Professor John D. Inazu. She graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif. Johanna received her Bachelor of Arts in Government from Patrick Henry College, graduating *summa cum laude* with highest honors.

Johanna is a member of the Texas bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas.



### Capabilities

Litigation  
Appellate and Constitutional Law  
Class Actions  
Energy Regulation and Litigation  
Energy and Infrastructure  
Environmental Litigation and Mass Tort  
Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation  
Securities Litigation  
Tech and Innovation  
Transnational Litigation  
Trials  
White Collar Defense and Investigations

### Credentials

#### Education

Washington University in St. Louis - 2020  
Juris Doctor  
Patrick Henry College - 2017 Bachelor of Arts

#### Admissions

Texas Bar

#### Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, Hon. Roger L. Wollman, 2020 - 2021