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OVERVIEW

Adam Smith is a partner in the Nashville office. He is a member of the firm's Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions practice. Adam represents clients across industries in connection with corporate, merger and acquisition, and securities matters. A significant portion of his practice involves the representation of regulated financial institutions. Adam counsels both publicly traded and privately held banks and bank holding companies, and other financial services companies, with respect to mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, corporate governance and regulatory matters, and general day-to-day corporate and operational issues.

Adam is recognized by Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Best Lawyers in America®, and Super Lawyers® for his work in the areas of Banking and Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Adam served as an attorney at a full-service U.S. law firm where he focused his practice on financial services, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate finance.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Banking & Finance: Regulatory in Tennessee (2019–2023)
- Named to the Mid-South Rising Stars list for Mergers & Acquisitions (2013, 2015–2019)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Banking and Finance Law (2019–2021), and Financial Services Regulation Law (2018–2021)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association

- Nashville Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, M&A Simulation, Acquire or Be Acquired Conference, January 2023
- Speaker, Buy, Sell, or Survive, Tennessee/Mississippi Bankers Associations CEO/Executive Management Conference, October 2012
- Speaker, Dodd-Frank Act, Tennessee Bankers Association, September 2010

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 2006
- B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University, 2003

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Tennessee

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 1 May 2023, FRB, FDIC Deliver Reports and Take Some Blame on Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank Failures; More Regulation Ahead
- March 2023, Cash Management in the Post-SVB World
- 10 March 2023, Silicon Valley Bank Receivership - Flash Briefing on Its Impact and What Comes Next

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Strategic Growth in a Challenging Environment," *Bank Director*, 8 December 2023
- Author, "Leveraging Technology for Growth," *BankDirector.com*, 24 February 2023
- Author, Memo to the Partner: Proposed Anti-Dilution Provision, 8 TRANS. TENN. J. BUS. L. 433, (2007)
- Author, Case Commentary, 6 TRANS. TENN. J. BUS. L. 223, (2005)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 June 2023, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide

- 29-31 January 2023, Acquire or Be Acquired Conference, Hosted by Bank Director
- 1 June 2022, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 21 July 2021, K&L Gates Advises Reliant Bancorp on \$517 Million Merger with United Community Banks
- 3 February 2021, K&L Gates Launches Nashville Office with Hire of 25+ Lawyers

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Debt Capital Markets

INDUSTRIES

- Banking
- Financial Services