

ERITHE A. SMITH

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The Honorable Erithe A. Smith is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division. She was appointed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1994 and was reappointed to a second term in 2007. In 2004, Judge Smith was appointed by the Circuit to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (“BAP”) and served on the BAP until 2007. Comprised of six bankruptcy judges, the BAP presides over bankruptcy appeals throughout the Ninth Circuit.

A native of Los Angeles, Judge Smith graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 1979 and from Boalt Hall School of Law (Berkeley Law) in 1982. From 1982 to 1985 she served as law clerk to the Honorable Marcus M. Kaufman of the California Court of Appeal and to the Honorable Peter M. Elliott of the United States Bankruptcy Court. Prior to taking the bench, she was a partner in a “boutique” law firm in Irvine, California specializing in corporate insolvency and bankruptcy law.

In past years, Judge Smith has served as an associate editor of the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Journal, a member of the Judicial Advisory Council of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (Orange County Chapter), past president of the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, and as an appointed member of the Bankruptcy Education Committee of the Federal Judicial Center. In October, 2012, she was appointed by Chief Justice John G. Roberts to the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, a standing committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Smith is a frequent speaker and lecturer at various professional conferences, seminars and workshops.