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**A**shanté L. Smith is a Partner in Troutman Sanders' Multifamily Housing Finance practice and specializes in nationwide lender representation for multifamily and commercial loan transactions intended to be securitized in the secondary market.

Smith has extensive experience with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac single project loans as well as multiple project portfolios, having acted as lead counsel in more than \$3.4 billion of agency loans in 2017 alone.

Smith plays an active role in the Firm's hiring and mentoring of diverse attorneys through positions on its Women's Network and Leadership Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Hiring

Committee.

Having received a Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia, Smith remains active with her alma mater, including having served on UVA's Law Alumni Council from 2014-2017, and as the Scholarship Committee Co-Chair on the national board of The Ridley Scholarship Fund from 2014-2017, a program that helps attract some of the nation's most accomplished and well-rounded African-American scholars to the University of Virginia.



**Joyce Smith**  
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**J**oyce Smith is a Partner in the San Francisco office and Chair of the San Francisco/Palo Alto International Commercial Practice Group. She sits on the Firm's Global Information Technology & Communications Steering Committee and the Regional International Commercial Practice Group Steering Committee. She also serves as the San Francisco/Palo Alto representative on the North America Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Joyce began her career with Baker McKenzie as an international clerk working in the firm's Amsterdam office in 1992. She joined the San Francisco/Palo Alto office in 1993 and became a partner in 2010. She was recently named one of

The Recorder's 2014 Women Leaders in Tech Law.

Joyce's practice focuses on advising multinational companies on cross-border commercial transactions, IP and technology licensing, development and acquisitions, IP migrations for post-acquisition integrations and international tax reorganizations, implementation of international tax restructurings, FCPA compliance and due diligence, and other cross-border regulatory, compliance and commercial issues.

Joyce has represented clients ranging from startups to large multinational corporations in a variety of industries with a focus on technology, ecommerce and pharmaceuticals.



**Richard C. Smith**  
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**R**ichard C. Smith is a Partner in Quinn Emanuel's Washington, D.C. office. His practice focuses on complex litigation, employment litigation, white collar criminal defense, transactional and third party due diligence, risk assessment, creation and review of anticorruption policies and procedures, and US-centric and transnational corporate internal investigations for public and private companies.

Smith was the former Principal Deputy Chief for Litigation of the Fraud Section of the Department of Justice Criminal Division, where he supervised the litigation activities of all trial attorneys in the investigation, indictment, and trial of various criminal

matters.

Smith sits on the Board of Directors of Exactech, Inc. He chairs the Nominating and Governance Committee and sits on the Audit Committee. Richard also sits on the Board of Trustees at the University Of Florida Law Center Association, Inc. and the Advisory Board at the University of Houston Law Center, Health Law & Policy Institute.

Smith is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and has been recognized as a Super Lawyer.

Richard has also been named one of the Top 100 Black Lawyers by the National Black Lawyers organization from 2015 to 2018.



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**R**obyn Minter Smyers is the Partner-in-Charge of the Cleveland office of Thompson Hine LLP, a firm ranked among the top firms nationally for excellent client service and providing value for the dollar.

Smyers practices in Thompson Hine's Real Estate and Corporate Practice Groups, where she focuses on corporate real estate, commercial real estate acquisitions and sales, development, financing, leasing, and corporate transactions.

Smyers prides herself on embracing legal project management innovations for the benefit of her clients. She is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Smyers is known for her advocacy of causes that improve the quality of life in her community. She has previously served on the boards of many prominent non-profit and civic organizations, including The George Gund Foundation, Museum of Contemporary Art-Cleveland (MOCA), The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, and currently serves on the board of The City Club of Cleveland and The African-American Philanthropy Committee of the Cleveland Foundation. She is also an active member of The Links, Incorporated.

Smyers holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School.