

Senior District Judge William E. Smith
United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island
One Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island, 2002 – Present (Chief Judge, 2013-2019)
(Senior Status, effective January 1, 2025)

Administrative Office and Federal Judicial Center Service:

- Judicial Conference of the United States (2024 – Present)
- Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources (2018 – 2024)
- Federal Judicial Center Committee on District Judge Education (Former Chair)
- Judicial Conference Committee on Information Technology (2008 – 2014)
- Judicial Conference Committee on Financial Disclosure (2005 – 2008)
- First Circuit Judicial Council (2003 – 2009)
- Mentor Judge for Newly Appointed District Judges (2014 – Present)
- Faculty and Mentor Judge, Federal Judicial Center Mid-Career Program (2014 – Present)

Previous Professional Career:

Edwards & Angell, LLP, Providence, Rhode Island (Associate/Partner 1987 – 2000, and Counsel 2001 – 2002)

Staff Director, Rhode Island Office of United States Senator Lincoln Chafee (2000 – 2001)

Selected Awards and Honors:

Olin Thompson Justice Award, Rhode Island District Court Conference Committee (2024)

Roger Williams University School of Law, Honorary Doctorate of Law (2024)

Bryant University, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2019)

Rhode Island Bar Association, Chief Justice Joseph R. Weisberger Judicial Excellence Award (2019)

Rhode Island Association for Justice, Citizen of the Year Award (2014)

Selected Previous Government Appointments and Positions:

State of Rhode Island, Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution (2001 – 2002)

State of Rhode Island, Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline (2001 – 2002)

City Solicitor, Warwick, Rhode Island (1993 – 2000)

Counsel, Rhode Island Secretary of State (1993 – 1998)

Municipal Court Judge, West Warwick, Rhode Island (1993 – 1998)

Assistant Town Solicitor, West Warwick, Rhode Island (1988 – 1992)

Education:

Georgetown University, B.A., 1982, *George F. Baker Scholar*

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 1987

Staff Member, *American Criminal Law Review*

Selected Community Board Service:

- Roger Williams University School of Law (2010-2023; Chair from 2014-2023)
- Roger Williams University Board of Trustees (2014-2023)
- YMCA of Greater Providence (Current)
- Family Service of Rhode Island (Current)
- Rhode Island Burn Foundation (Former)
- National Courts and Science Institute (Former)
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank (Former)

Teaching Experience:

Roger Williams University School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law (2007 – 2023)

Courses: Advanced Evidence (Expert and Scientific Evidence)

Federal Practice

Judicial Process

Seminar: Litigation and Social Change

Selected Publications:

Judicial Opinions:

Author of hundreds of published judicial opinions in Federal Reporter and Federal Supplement

Other Publications:

“Editorial inappropriately criticized sentence”, *Providence Journal*, 10 Jan. 2020

Snyder, Peter J., Mayes, Linda C., Smith, William E., *The Management of Scientific Integrity within Academic Medical Centers*, Elsevier/AP, Academic Press Is an Imprint of Elsevier, 2015

Reflections on Judicial Merit Selection, the Rhode Island Experience and Some Modest Proposals for Reform and Improvement, 15 Roger Williams U. L. Rev. 664 (Fall 2010)

The Technological Revolution in Judicial Opinions, American Bar Association, Judges Journal, Vol. 49, No. 4 (Fall 2010)

Judicial Review of Labor Arbitration Awards in Rhode Island, 3 Roger Williams U. L. Rev. 165 (Spring 1998)