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David A. Smith has extensive experience in Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 guardianship proceedings, having been the attorney of record for the petitioner in more than 200 such cases since Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 came into effect in April 1993 and having acted in the Court-appointed roles of guardian, special guardian, counsel for the alleged incapacitated person and court evaluator in numerous cases. Mr. Smith is a litigator with over thirty-five years of experience in general civil litigation.

From 1979 through 1981, he was the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the New York State Department of Law's Plattsburgh Regional Office, covering Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties. From 1981 through 1987, Mr. Smith was the Assistant Attorney General In Charge of the New York State Department of Law's Nassau County Regional Office. From 1987 through 1991, he was a litigation associate at the Long Island firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klien, P.C.

During 1992, David Smith took a year off from the private practice of law and was Counsel to the Society for the Right to Die/Choice in Dying, a nationwide organization based in New York. From November 1992 to March 1996, David Smith was a partner at Russo & Atlas, where he was in charge of the firm's Litigation Department. In March 1996, David Smith opened his own law firm, and has centered his practice in the guardianship, contested guardianship, and estate litigation fields.

David Smith has a well-earned reputation as a zealous and effective advocate for his clients, particularly in contested estate, trust and guardianship proceedings, and fights hard to protect their interests. Our firm is known for our effective representation of our clients in the most highly-contested and difficult cases. Our attorneys have extensive experience in such situations, and our combined decades of experience is of great value to our clients.