

Legal Elite

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The attorneys and staff at SMS have a unique depth of experience when it comes to shaping relationships and building the client bond. Those relationships and bonds are the foundation on which their attorneys design and implement the legal strategies that drive the successes of their clients and their community.

SMS is a group of focused, experienced lawyers and paraprofessionals who are among the best in the fields of personal planning, estate services, business services, business development and real estate. Each is supported by the knowledge and expertise of the entire firm. As advisors, they go beyond being good attorneys. They advise with a combination of sensitivity to client needs and strength of purpose and goals. The individual lawyers have confidence in one another and a commitment to working together to find solutions for every client. They are committed to acting responsibly and ethically, and to using creativity, intellect and innovation to address challenging situations.

Eric has been practicing law since 1995 and is a founding member of the firm. His traditional practice includes assisting clients in business

matters, complex contracts, real estate, advanced estate planning and administration, and even employment law matters.

However, Eric has also focused on gaining a thoughtful appreciation for the changing community in which the firm's clients live, work and play. The result is a non-traditional practice designed around being a "connector" of common causes and creating a business/civic/philanthropic network for community success. He has played an integral role in developing the local economy by leading key advocacy efforts within the region's entrepreneurial economy.

Eric promotes connections between his clients, local governments, and community organizations, particularly where economic development efforts are concerned. For several years he has served as the appointed Chairperson of the Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board. He served as the Chair of the Board of the Harford County Chamber of Commerce and in leadership on its Executive and Legislative Committees. He was a special appointee to Harford County's BRAC Planning Advisory Commission and its Banking and Finance Commission. He is a member of the Board for Slavia Federal Savings Bank, the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council, and the Chesapeake branch of the Association of the United States Army. His leadership earned him the designation of being one of the Top Twenty Leaders in the history of the Harford Leadership Academy.

The firm congratulates Eric for representing SMS among Maryland's Legal Elite.



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