

Elsa W. Smith

Attorney. Speaker. Entrepreneur.

Elsa W. Smith is the founder and principal of the Law Offices of Elsa W. Smith, LLC. Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Elsa is a native Spanish speaker. Her parents fled Cuba's communist regime in search of freedom and prosperity in the United States. Elsa graduated from the University of Miami (Coral Gables, Florida) in 1993 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. In 1996, she earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law.

Having practiced law for many years, Elsa has developed a well-rounded practice encompassing criminal and civil litigation. During the early years of her career in Florida, she served as an Assistant Public Defender, then was later promoted to one of the County Court Division Supervisors for the Office of the Public Defender-15th Judicial Circuit (Palm Beach County, Florida). After her tenure there, Elsa went on to practice in several areas including personal injury, criminal defense, criminal appeals, family law and child support enforcement. When Elsa relocated to the Metro D.C. area, Elsa worked for some of the top firms in Washington, D.C., focusing on electronic discovery matters, some of which involved investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Food and Drug Administration.

Since launching the Law Offices of Elsa W. Smith, LLC, Elsa has employed her more than twenty years of legal expertise to help individuals navigate the justice system, create basic estate plans and counsel those seeking to start a business. Elsa has a kind and empathetic manner with her clients while displaying a forceful and courageous demeanor in court. She is known for being an excellent advocate orally and in writing who obtains great results for her clients. The firm's mission is to protect you, your family and your business.

Elsa has an established and noteworthy record of service in professional and community organizations. Elsa also serves as a mentor providing advice and encouragement to newer attorneys in the area. Her desire to give back to the community is best captured in Ghandi's famous quote, "[y]ou must be the change you want to see in the world."



Professional Affiliations and Memberships

American Business Women's Association-Maryland Capital Chapter

Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors, Prince George's County Bar Association

J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association

Bar Association of Montgomery County

Anne Arundel County Bar Association

Maryland State Bar Association
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