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## BIOGRAPHY

Andre Smith is an associate in the firm's Tax, Employee Benefits and Private Client practice group. Andre regularly advises clients on transactional matters including taxable and tax-free mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations & restructurings, and provides analyses of domestic and international tax issues. He also has experience advising public and private entities in diverse organizational matters, entity formation, investments, side letters, renewable energy tax credits, and securitizations.

Andre received his JD from New York University School of Law.

## CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Chicago Public Library Foundation Associate Board (2021-Present)

- Stories Matter Foundation (2019-Present)
- Chicago Fire Foundation Associate Board (2020-2021)

## **ADMISSIONS**

- District of Columbia, 2020
- Illinois, 2017

## **EDUCATION**

- New York University-School of Law, J.D., 2017
- Butler University, B.A., cum laude, 2014

## **RELATED PRACTICE AREAS**

- Tax Advice & Controversy

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Advising solar energy developers and utility companies regarding financing and structuring for utility-scale solar and storage sites.
- Advised large public utility holding company regarding tax structuring and risks relating to development of oil and gas pipelines and joint venture arrangements.
- Drafted ongoing public tax filings for large public real estate investment trust and drafted and reviewed documents relating to quarterly investments and subsidiary formations.
- Counseled financial institution and corporate clients regarding U.S. federal and state legal implications of security agreements and negotiated loan agreements.
- Assisted with entity formation, lease agreement negotiations, tax entity classification elections, opinion drafting, and structure planning for private equity real estate investment firm.
- Advised large private foundation regarding investments in private investment funds and negotiated side letters, reviewed memorandums and partnership agreements, and advised

regarding tax risks on behalf of client.

- Counseled nonprofit entities regarding tax-exempt status applications, formation documentation, and U.S. legal implications of foreign activities.

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