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# *Constantine grad appointed to Dean's Advisory Board at University of Detroit Mercy*

PENSACOLA, FLA. — Mark Lee Smith, Attorney at Law, of Mark Lee Smith, P.A. in Pensacola, Fla. has been appointed to the Dean's Advisory Board, chaired by the Hon. Dennis Archer, former President of the American Bar Association and a member of the Detroit, Michigan firm of Dickinson Wright, PLC. The Dean's Advisory Board was established by the Dean of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Mark C. Gordon. Gordon, a graduate of Harvard Law School, also holds a professorship at the UDM School of Law.

The Board serves as a mechanism for the Dean and the faculty of UDM School of Law to receive feedback and advice that can help the School of Law in structuring courses and programs that can best train and prepare its students for the real world of practice. Smith is also the only attorney on the Advisory Board not associated with a major national or leading Detroit area law firm. All other Advisory Board members are either general counsels at various major corporations, for example, General Motors Corporation, Compuware Corporation, Verizon Long Distance and Amazon.Com, Inc., or are partners or senior counsel with such firms as New York City's Shearman & Sterling, LLP and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP. Various Chicago area firms are also represented on the Board, including Meyer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, LLP and Winston & Strawn, LLP. Smith's classmate, Gregory Marks, also serves on the Board and he is a partner with the Miami, Fla. based firm of Greenberg, Traurig, LLP. Most noteworthy, the Dean's Advisory Board includes senior members of both the Federal and State of Michigan bench, including the Honorable Julian A. Cook, Jr., Senior Judge for the U.S. District Court — Eastern District of Michigan and the Honorable Mary Beth Kelly, Chief Judge for Michigan's Third Circuit Court.

Smith was formerly known as Mark Thomas Wirick. He is a graduate of Constantine Senior High School (1971); Glen Oaks Community College (1973); Albion College (A.B., 1975); University of Michigan (A.M., 1978); University of Detroit School of Law (J.D., 1980).