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### EXPERIENCE

Thomas B. Smith is a part of the Johnson Pope Health Care Team, and has been involved with the health care industry for more than thirty-five years. After receiving his Master in Business Administration specializing in hospital administration, he served in senior administrative positions with several hospitals in Florida for seven years, including serving as Assistant Director for a major 600 bed teaching hospital. He then received his law degree and practiced health law in Tennessee for five years. He has practiced health law in Florida for more than twenty-five years. His practice is exclusively in the health area, including a wide variety of business issues, reimbursement and regulatory issues, joint ventures, professional contracts, medical staff issues, physician group formation and representation and provider network formation and representation. Best Lawyers in America chose him as Tampa Bay Health Care lawyer of the year in 2015.

### DISTINCTIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- ▶ Admitted to The Florida Bar, 1989
- ▶ AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- ▶ The Best Lawyers in America® since 2006, in the field of Health Care Law
- ▶ Life Member of the American Health Lawyers Association
- ▶ Member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association
- ▶ Member of the Health Law Section of The Florida Bar Association
- ▶ Member of the ABA Forum on Health Law

### EDUCATION

- ▶ University of South Carolina College of Law, J.D., 1984
- ▶ University of Florida, M.B.A. in Hospital Administration, 1976
- ▶ Florida State University, B.A., 1973

### ARTICLES

- ▶ 46 Lawyers from Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized In The Best Lawyers In America® 2022—Five Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" In Their Respective Practice Area
- ▶ 47 Lawyers From Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized By Best Lawyers® 2021 - Four Recognized As "Lawyer of the Year" In Their Respective Practice Area
- ▶ 36 Lawyers From Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized In Best Lawyers In America® 2020 - Three Recognized As "Lawyer Of The Year" In Their Respective Practice Area
- ▶ Your Medical Practice Can Suddenly Become Illegal!

### NEWS

- ▶ 46 Lawyers from Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized In The Best Lawyers In America® 2022—Five Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" In Their Respective Practice Area
- ▶ 47 Lawyers From Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized By Best Lawyers® 2021 - Four Recognized As "Lawyer of the Year" In Their Respective Practice Area

### PRACTICE AREAS

- ▶ Health Care
- ▶ Health Care Defense



- ▶ 36 Lawyers From Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized In Best Lawyers In America® 2020 - Three Recognized As "Lawyer Of The Year" In Their Respective Practice Area
- ▶ 32 Lawyers from Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America®" 2019 - Three Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" in Their Respective Practice Areas
- ▶ 30 Lawyers from Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP Recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America®" 2018 and Two Partners as "Lawyer of the Year" in Their Areas of Practice
- ▶ Best Lawyers 2016