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LAWYER SPOTLIGHT

Thomas G. Smart was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana. Interestingly, Tommy was born in the Lafayette Sanitarium (which evolved into Lafayette General) which was in the exact same location where he practiced law for years at Onebane's old offices on Versailles Street. Tommy attended Lafayette High. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Finance in 1979. He continued with law school at LSU earning his juris doctorate in 1982.

Tommy's legal practice area is oil and gas. What he enjoys about the practice of law is the people he works with and the people he works for. He has had good mentors and teachers, and enjoys sharing that knowledge and experience with younger lawyers. The oil and gas industry has some great people, and some of his best friends are his clients. He feels that in the oil and gas industry, more so than any other, the only constant is change -- when you forget that, it reminds you. Change goes from boom and bust cycles, to new technology, to new and interesting opportunities and to new problems to face. One of the big reasons Tommy got into practicing oil and gas law is because of his Dad, Holmes Smart, who is a consulting and unitization geologist here in Lafayette, still actively practicing at the age of 86.

Tommy enjoys LSU sports of all kinds (season ticket holder to five sports). In fact, Tommy is featured prominently at most LSU home baseball games as his season tickets are directly in line with the batter television cameras. He also enjoys a complete view of Tiger stadium from the balcony of his "camp" in Baton Rouge, located adjacent to LSU campus. Tommy also enjoys reading and travel.