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Susan E. Smith is a trial attorney with the law firm of Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd. Ms. Smith represents hospitality, retail and housing industry clients and others facing premises liability, toxic tort and environmental claims. Ms. Smith also regularly writes and speaks to help her clients how to better understand and avoid liability risks and exposure.

Ms. Smith has had significant experience defending Legionnaires' disease claims and lawsuits nationwide. To date, with her colleague Thomas Bernier, she has managed and resolved claims and lawsuits involving more than 40 confirmed or suspected cases of Legionnaires' disease and obtained a favorable published appellate ruling relating to the boundaries of expert testimony needed to establish the source of an individual's exposure to *Legionella*. Mr. Bernier and Ms. Smith have been consulted on the management of actual or suspected Legionnaires' disease outbreaks or sporadic cases in Alabama, Arizona, California, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington, DC. They have worked closely with state and federal public health investigators and consultants with expertise in infectious disease, environmental science, industrial hygiene, and engineering.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Bernier publish and lecture on the defense of such claims on a national basis, and they routinely train their clients on risk avoidance, risk mitigation, and risk transfer opportunities. Additional information about Ms. Smith can be found at the firm's website, www.smsm.com.