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W. Ross Foote retired from the 9th Judicial District Court in 2004 and joined Smith Foote LLP as a Partner dealing exclusively with national class action antitrust cases. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, conducted ADR training programs, including presentations in Canada and England, and participated in several class action antitrust mediations. In addition to being an AAA Certified Neutral, he taught courses at the National Judicial College and assisted in the formation of ADR groups in Louisiana, as well as served on the Executive Committee for the Louisiana District Judges Association and the Advisory Committee on Technology for the National Center for State Courts. Foote left Smith Foote LLP to join The Patterson Resolution Group and his primary focus is commercial arbitration and mediation.

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

**Duke University, B. A., 1974**  
**LSU Law Center, J. D., 1978**  
**Admitted to practice, Louisiana, 1978**  
**Partner, Sooter and Foote 1982- 1990**  
**Ninth Judicial District Court, 1991-2004**  
**Partner, Smith Foote, LLP 2005-2011**  
**Partner, The Patterson Resolution Group**

### **HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS:**

<b>1978</b>	<b>ODK, LSU Chapter</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>Louisiana Supreme Court Resolution of Commendation</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>Louisiana State Bar Association – President's Award</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Louisiana Distinguished Partner in Education</b>

### **CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:**

<b>1995-Present</b>	<b>YMCA Board of Directors</b>
<b>1979-1990</b>	<b>YMCA President</b>
<b>1979-1980</b>	<b>March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon Chairman</b>
<b>1996-2004</b>	<b>Assistant Scout Master, Troop 10.</b>
	<b>Boy Scouts of America</b>
<b>1981-1996</b>	<b>Boy Scouts of America Executive Board</b>
<b>1965</b>	<b>Eagle Scout for Boy Scouts of America</b>
<b>1992-1996</b>	<b>Central Louisiana Boys and Girls Club</b>
<b>1991-996</b>	<b>Coach, Board Member for Crossroads Soccer Association</b>
<b>1995-1996</b>	<b>Civitan Little League Baseball Assistant Coach</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>Co-Chair American Heart Fund Walk of Central Louisiana</b>
<b>2002-2004</b>	<b>International Academy of Collaborative Professionals</b>
<b>1996-2000</b>	<b>Renaissance Home for Youth</b>
<b>2004 – Present</b>	<b>Renaissance Home for Youth</b>

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**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES:**

1992-2004	American Judicature Society
1992-2006	American Judges Association
1993	Fellow, Louisiana Bar Foundation
1995-1998	Advisory Committee on Technology, National Center for State Courts
1996-1997	National Conference State Trial Judges – American Bar Association
1993-2004	Louisiana District Judges Association – Executive Committee
1995-2004	Louisiana District Judges Association – Mentoring Committee, Chair
1998-2004	Louisiana District Judges Association – Judicial Retreat Committee, Chair
1995-1997	Louisiana District Judges Association – Legislative Review Committee
1997-2004	Louisiana District Judges Association – Internet Web Page Committee
1997-1998	Louisiana Supreme Court Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee, District Judge Representative
2007-Present	Louisiana Supreme Court Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee, State Bar Representative
2006-Present	Representative of Louisiana State Bar Association
1996-Present	Louisiana Judicial Council Committee for Approval of New Courts
October, 1994	District Judge Reporter to Senate Select Committee, Case Management Information System for State Judiciary
1994-1995	Advisory Committee for Redraft of Criminal Bench Book, Louisiana Judicial Committee
1995-2004	Created and Chaired, Louisiana Judicial Mentoring Project
1998-2004	Created and Chaired, Louisiana Judicial Retreat Program
1995-1996	Long Range Planning Committee on Justice Initiatives, Louisiana State Bar Association
1996-1997	Regional Co-Chair Citizens Summit for Justice Reform, Louisiana State Bar Association
1996-1997	Bench/Bar Liaison Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association
1996-2004	Uniform Rules Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association
1997-2004	Rucksacker Long Range Judicial Planning Project
1995	Consultant to California District Attorney Association
1997-2000	Chair, Judicial European Development Initiative
1997-2006	Partner in Education with Bolton High School
2001	Chair for Louisiana Delegation to Symposium on Judicial Education Reform, St. Louis MO
2002-2004	International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, National Board
2003-2007	Chair Collaborative Professionals Group of Louisiana
2004-Present	Consultant to Louisiana Supreme Court for Mentoring and Retreat Program
2006-Present	Louisiana State Bar Association Bar Governance Committee

**LECTURES/SEMINARS PRESENTED: (Illustrative)**

October, 1993	Annual Falling Leaves Seminar of Louisiana State Bar Association Judges Symposium, Ashville, North Carolina
1997	Created “Probationers Educating Probationers” (PEP Squad), Rapides Parish
1994	Louisiana Judicial College, Panelist for Criminal Law Symposium
1996	Louisiana Judicial College Evidence Symposium, “Motions in Limine”
1991-1993	Central Louisiana Bar Association Annual Bench/Bar Conference Speaker
1997	Central Louisiana Bar Association Annual Bench/Bar Conference Speaker
September, 1994	Louisiana Juvenile Detention Association Keynote Address, Annual Convention
1993	Louisiana Paralegal Association Annual Seminar Demonstrative Evidence
1994	Louisiana Paralegal Association Annual Seminar Judicial Legal Ethics
November, 1994	Seventh Judicial District Annual CLE Conference - Moderator Panel on Evidence
1994	Louisiana Law Center Trial Advocacy Clinic, Professor Frank Maraist
1997	Louisiana Law Center Trial Advocacy Clinic, Evidence
1995	“Jury Psychology”, La. District Attorney Association (training seminar)
May, 1995	“Non-unanimous Juries”, appearance for California Legislature, Public Safety Committee, Sacramento
July, 1995	“Through the Looking Glass” Jury impressions for LSBA Disney World Seminar

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July, 1995	LSBA "Jury Psychology", Orlando Florida
September, 1995	Shreveport Bar Association, "Playing to the Jury"
February, 1996	Crossroads Inns of Court, "Playing to the Bench"
August, 1996	Joint Meeting of Louisiana/Mississippi Judicial College, "Judicial Mentoring"
December, 1996	New Judges' Training for Louisiana Supreme Court
December, 1997	Mentor's Year End Seminar, Louisiana Judicial College
1997	Center for Law & Civic Education, Teaching the Teachers Workshop
1998-2001	Chaired and Conducted multi-day Judicial Retreats
2002	Keynote presentation for Cancer Survivor Conference, Alexandria, LA
2002-Present	Designed and presented multiple ADR Training Seminars in Collaborative Divorce including local, state, national and international presentations
December, 2002	New Judges' Training for Louisiana Supreme Court
2004	LSBA Effective Advocacy
December, 2008	New Judges' Training for Louisiana Supreme Court
March, 2012	"The Law of Whine", Sonoma, CA

## PUBLICATIONS:

"The \$6,000,000.00 Deposition and Other Jury Observations", Louisiana Bar Journal - April, 1995 (Reprinted Oregon State Bar Bulletin, July 1995; Texas Bar Journal, Nov. 1995; Oklahoma Bar Journal, 1996; Hawaii Bar Journal, 1996; Arkansas Bar Journal, 1996; New Jersey Bar Journal, 1996; American Board of Trial Advocates "Voor Dire", Fall, 1995; American Trial Lawyers Products Liability Section, 1995; Westlaw Database Resources, 1995)

"Aspects of Nonunanimous Jury Verdicts", National Public Radio Forum Panelist, KQED from San Francisco, June 1995

Louisiana Judges Handbook, La. Judicial Mentoring Project, 1996

"Speaking Gavel to Gavel", Louisiana Bar Journal- February 1997

Moderator - Louisiana Judicial College New Judge Training Film

"Louisiana Mentoring Project" Judicial Education Reference Information Transfer of Technology (JERITT) Bulletin

"Judicial Mentoring" National Center for State Courts Center Court, Winter, 1998

"Carrot or Stick", National Center for State Courts Technology Bulletin, December, 1997.

"Collaborative Divorce, A Judges Perspective" DVD in local, state, national and international circulation, sponsored by The Rapides Foundation, 2003