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Walter Smith has been the Executive Director of DC Appleseed since 2001, where he has worked with dozens of D.C. firms assisting pro bono on D.C. issues related to jobs, housing, education, healthcare, the environment, democracy, and public safety.

Previously, Walter served as the Special Deputy Corporation Counsel at the D.C. Office of the Corporation Counsel, now the Office of the Attorney General, where he focused on addressing the many receiverships in the District, supervising litigation affecting the school system, setting up pro bono assistance for the District from private law firms, and bringing a suit before a three-judge federal court seeking voting representation for the District in Congress. Before that, Walter practiced for 16 years at the law firm of Hogan Lovells, where he specialized in appellate litigation and for four years was the full-time director of the firm's pro bono practice.

He also served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps defending courts-martials. Walter has argued numerous cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Walter has a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an LL.M. from the George Washington University. He served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Charles Clark on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Walter has received the President's Award from the Washington Council of Lawyers, the Brennan Award from the D.C. Bar, and the *Legal Times* named him one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the last 30 years." In addition, Walter reigned as the Hula Hoop Champion of Oklahoma in junior high.