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# Life & Career of Judy Smith

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## Overview

Judy Smith lending a guiding hand.

Judy Smith though she herself may not be a household name many of the people she has advised and dealt with their crisis are, people such as Monica Lewinsky and Michal Vick. She has worked her way up to being one of the top names and go to people in PR and crisis management. Not just for individual people but for companies as well.

Smith was born in Washington D.C. and attended college at Boston College where she earned her bachelors after graduating she then attended American University where she graduated from the Washington College of Law. She was the first African-American female to serve as executive editor for the American University Law Review.

After receiving her law degree Smith eventually made her way to the White House where she served as Deputy Press Secretary to President George H.W. Bush. After leaving the White House she struck out on her own and started her own firm *Smith & Company*. It was there that she faced some of the challenges that she became known for handling such as



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Judy Smith had the ABC show *Scandal* modeled after her life and career. Though not using her real name instead Olivia Pope played by actress Kerry Washington.



## Just a few words

“The American public is very forgiving all you have to do is say your sorry, and mean it.” -Judy Smith

“To some degree you need DENIAL to get anywhere; you have to ignore the fact that the odds are often stacked against SUCCESS. “ -Judy Smith  
*Good self bad self*

