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David Koss, JD, earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and his law degree from Georgetown University. He began his career as Legislative Director to a Michigan Congressman who served on the House Banking and Science & Technology Committees. In 1983-1984, he served on the staff of the Governor of Michigan in Lansing and Washington.

An attorney in private practice (and a member of the District of Columbia Bar), David has represented banks, investment companies, builders of affordable housing, and tenant advocates. His work has included securities filings, corporate mergers and acquisitions, and government affairs.

As SMART Recovery’s Director of Government Relations, David has worked with numerous members of the U.S. House of Representatives and United States Senate and their staffs 1) to provide information about SMART Recovery and 2) address the need to increase the number of best practices oriented mutual support meetings to help individuals with substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder.

David’s association with SMART Recovery began in 2015 when he became a meeting facilitator. He has served as Regional Coordinator for the Delaware-District of Columbia-Maryland region since 2017. He has led the growth of the SMART Recovery East Coast Conference into a premier annual event bringing together participants, volunteers, professionals, addiction scientists, and public health officials.

David received the Joe Gerstein Award in 2019, recognizing his extensive work benefiting the SMART Recover community.

David was elected to the SMART Recovery Board of Directors in 2020.

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