



Twenty-five Ward and Smith, P.A. Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®

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Twenty-five of Ward and Smith, P.A.'s attorneys have been named to the 2011 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Attorneys are selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers based on an exhaustive and rigorous peer-review process. Almost half of the Ward and Smith attorneys listed in this new edition have been recognized as Best Lawyers for ten years or more.

Ward and Smith attorneys recognized as 2011 Best Lawyers are the following:

Asheville

Derek J. Allen – *Land Use & Zoning Law*

Greenville

A. Charles Ellis* – *Medical Malpractice Law; Personal Injury Litigation*

Paul A. Fanning – *Banking Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law*

Michael P. Flanagan* – *Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law*

John M. Martin* – *Personal Injury Litigation*

New Bern

James Lee Davis* – *Real Estate Law*

Donalt J. Eglinton – *Commercial Litigation; Construction Law*

S. McKinley Gray, III – *Workers' Compensation Law*

William R. Lathan, Jr. – *Banking Law*

Gregory T. Peacock – *Trusts and Estates*

C. H. Pope, Jr.* – *Real Estate Law*

E. Knox Proctor V – *Banking Law*

Clint D. Routson – *Real Estate Law*

Frank H. Sheffield, Jr.* – *Environmental Law*

J. Troy Smith, Jr.** – *Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law*

David L. Ward, Jr.*** – *Antitrust Law; Banking Law; Corporate Law; International Trade and Finance Law*

Leigh A. Wilkinson – *Health Care Law*

Kenneth R. Wooten – *Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation*

Raleigh

William Joseph Austin, Jr. – *Labor and Employment Law; Workers' Compensation Law*

Albert R. Bell, Jr.* – *Labor and Employment Law*

Stuart B. Dorsett – *Trusts and Estates*

Gary J. Rickner* – *Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation*

James F. Verdonik* – *Corporate Law; Technology Law; Venture Capital Law*

Wilmington

Jenna Fruechtenicht Butler – *Personal Injury Litigation*

Ryal W. Tayloe – *Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Construction Law*

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* Lawyers who have been listed in Best Lawyers for 10 years or more.

** Lawyers who have been listed in Best Lawyers for 20 years or more.

*** Lawyers who have been listed in Best Lawyers for 25 years or more.

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