

Ward and Smith Recognized as a 'Go-To Thought Leader'

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The National Law Review (NLR) recently honored Ward and Smith with the Go-To Thought Leadership Award for 'coverage of North Carolina real estate matters, including litigation, regulations, and legislation.'

According to the press release, Ward and Smith's attorney-authors provided "thoughtful legal analysis on a variety of real estate issues." NLR singled out the firm's insights into community associations, specifically the advice given to boards of directors concerning proper governance and administration, as the driving factor behind being selected for this distinction, which was awarded in late-December.

Some notable articles include:

- Amending Homeowners Association Bylaws by Bill Wolcott
- Navigating Director and Office Liability Insurance for Community Associations by Adam Beaudoin
- Best Practice for Homeowners Association Directors and Boards by Eric Remington
- Healthy Community Association Transition by Allen Trask
- How Community Associations Restrictions "Run with the Land" by Thomas Wolff
- New Coastal Stormwater Program Variances May Benefit Community Associations by Amy Wang

Recipients for the "Go-To Thought Leadership Award" were selected by the NLR's editors from a pool of more than 100,000 legal news and analysis articles. The publication only recognized 65 authors and legal organizations for their contributions to reporting on complex legislative and litigation news, as well as strategic insight and overall legal industry knowledge. This is the first year the National Law Review formally recognized the talents of less than one percent of its contributors.

Additionally, in 2018, articles about lending and cryptocurrency were extremely popular with Ward and Smith readers on JD Supra, one of the world's largest legal content publishing platforms. Attorney-author Lance Martin is a Board Certified Bankruptcy Law Specialist, and his series focused on lenders and Bitcoin occupied four out of the top five most popular Ward and Smith posts on JD Supra. Martin's work was viewed almost 40,000 times over the course of the year.

Ward and Smith's Top Five JD Supra articles of 2018 are:

1. Can I Secure a Loan with Bitcoin? Part III by Lance Martin
2. Retaining North Carolina's Booming Virtual Currency Industry by Whitney Campbell Christensen
3. Can I Secure a Loan with Bitcoin? Part II by Lance Martin
4. Should You Bank a Virtual Currency Business? by Lance Martin
5. Will Bankruptcy Courts Treat Bitcoin as a Commodity? by Lance Martin

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