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# Nick Fountain Presented Joseph Branch Professionalism Award

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John N. (Nick) Fountain was presented the Joseph Branch Professionalism Award at the Wake County Bar Association

meeting on January 8, 2019. The annual award is the highest honor granted by the Wake County Bar Association. Recipients are Wake County lawyers with at least 25 years of experience who exhibit the highest ideals of professionalism, ethics and public service. This award came on the heels of his designation as a Leader in the Law for 2018 by *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*.

Nick is one of the most experienced attorneys in North Carolina handling professional licensure issues and occupational licensing boards. He has appeared before dozens of boards and commissions in Raleigh. He has also assisted clients in solving business acquisition and shareholder disputes as well as real estate disputes. He is a N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission certified mediator in Superior Court and in the Office of Administrative Hearings. Nick has been involved in more than 40 reported decisions in the North Carolina Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, the Business Court, U.S. District Court and the Fourth Circuit.

At Young Moore, Nick heads one of the Business/Administrative practice teams and is a past member of the Practice Management Committee. He is also a Past President of the Wake County and 10th District Bar and has served on the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association, as a Bar Councilor and Advisor to the North Carolina State Bar, and as President of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club. Nick has received multiple awards for Bar leadership and historic preservation.

Nick has been consistently recognized by *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> since 2008 in the area of Administrative/Regulatory Law and was named *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> Regulatory Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Raleigh for 2015. He is also listed in North Carolina Super Lawyers (2007-2016). A graduate of Duke University and Wake Forest University School of Law, Nick began his practice with a clerkship with Judge (later Justice) David M. Britt.

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