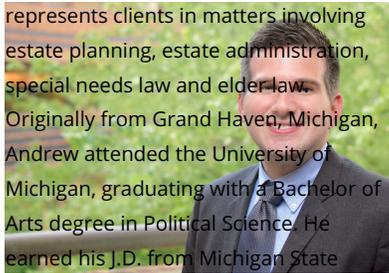


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Four Smith Debnam Attorneys Named to Business North Carolina's 20th "Legal Elite" Class

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Raleigh, N.C. (January 4, 2021) – Smith Debnam announced today that four Smith Debnam attorneys were named "[North Carolina's 2021 Legal Elite](#)" in Business North Carolina Magazine, a listing of the state's top attorneys in their respective fields. The Smith Debnam attorneys named are [Andrew Bullard](#) for Estate Planning; [Byron Saintsing](#) for Construction Law; [Connie Carrigan](#) for Employment Law; and [Lynn McNally](#) for Family Law. This year marks the 20th "Legal Elite" class. Fewer than 4% of the state's 28,000 active attorneys made this year's list.

Once a year, Business North Carolina distributes ballots to active members of the North Carolina Bar Association who reside in the state. Voters are asked one question: "Of the Tar Heel lawyers whose work you have observed firsthand, whom would you rate among the current best in these categories?" Voters are not allowed to vote for themselves and may only select members of their own firms if they also select out-of-firm lawyers in the same categories, with the out-of-firm votes weighted more heavily. For more information about the methodology behind Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, visit <http://businessnc.com/special-sections/legal-elite/>.

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[Lynn McNally](#) is a leader in the firm's [Family Law practice group](#). As a Board Certified Family Law Specialist and Certified Family Financial Settlement Mediator, she represents individuals in matters involving [separation](#), [divorce](#), [child custody](#), [child support](#), [alimony](#), [equitable distribution](#), domestic violence, and parental rights termination, legitimation, and other matters pertaining to family law.

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Founded in 1972, Smith Debnam is a leading, multi-practice regional law firm for institutions and private individuals who value a responsible and caring approach from an accomplished team of experienced legal professionals. Headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, with a regional office in Charleston, South Carolina, the firm represents clients in Banking, Financial Services, Equipment Leasing, Construction, Mortgage Servicing, Manufacturing, and Professional Services industries. Smith Debnam has extensive experience in state and federal courts across a diverse list of practice areas, including Corporate and Business Law, Business Litigation, Commercial Bankruptcy and Reorganization, Foreclosures, Creditor Representation, Consumer Collections, Commercial & Residential Real Estate, Construction Law, Employment Law, Equipment Leasing & Finance, Family Law, Trusts & Estates, and Probate Litigation.

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