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ABOUT THE AUTHORS



[John Narron](#) is a Board Certified Family Law Specialist and has been practicing law in North Carolina since 1977, with a practice concentration in all manner of civil disputes that frequently involve complex equitable distribution proceedings, alimony trials, will caveats, employment disputes, personal injury trials and negotiations, and a wide variety of commercial business disputes. John has served as a mediator in more than 200 family law disputes in Wake County, Franklin County, Johnston County, Wayne County, Guilford County, Forsyth County, and Pender County.



Christina McAlpin Taylor is a partner in the firm and member of the firm's creditors' rights practice group. She represents a wide range of businesses through all stages of creditor representation, including pre-suit collection efforts, lawsuits, judgments, and executions. Christina has earned numerous awards within the legal community for her leadership and

John Narron and Christina McAlpin Taylor honored as 2011 Leaders in the Law

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Smith Debnam is proud to congratulate attorneys [John Narron](#) and [Christina McAlpin Taylor](#) for their selection as 2011 Leaders in the Law presented by [North Carolina Lawyer's Weekly](#). John and Christina were nominated by their peers because of their professional achievements, community involvement, and willingness to mentor others. A panel of impartial judges reviewed the nominations, and they were selected among several qualified nominees to be honored. The award recognizes partners, associates, in-house counsel, paralegals, and administrators whose leadership, both in the legal profession and in the community, has made a positive impact on our state.

A Wake County native, John Narron grew up in Wendell and received his B.A. from East Carolina University in 1974 and earned his J.D. from the University of Mississippi in 1977. John returned home and has been practicing law in North Carolina since 1977 and has been a partner with the Raleigh-based law firm of Smith Debnam since 1987. John is also recognized as Board Certified Family Law Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar. He is head of the firm's litigation practice, which focuses on family law, and he serves as a managing member of the firm's Executive Committee. John is a well-known and respected litigator, mediator, and local leader making a significant impact on his workplace and our community.

Christina began her practice with Smith Debnam in 2007 in its creditors' rights practice group. She represents a wide range of businesses through all stages of creditor representation, including pre-suit collection efforts, civil actions, lawsuits, judgments, and executions. She received her B.S. in Family and Community Studies from East Carolina University in 2003 and earned a J.D. from North Carolina Central University in 2006. Still young in her career, Christina is a fearless, capable, and caring advocate for her clients and a reliable resource in her community. Her long list of leadership roles in professional and community organizations set Christina apart as a true leader in the law.

John and Christina will be honored at the Leaders in the Law awards luncheon on Thursday, September 22 at the Marriott Center City. They will also be featured in *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* on Monday, September 26.

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