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Smith Debnam Brings Full-Court Press to Raise Awareness

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Raleigh, N.C. (August 9, 2017) – Smith Debnam took to the basketball courts in the [2017 August Madness Wheelchair Basketball Tournament](#) hosted by [Bridge II Sports](#), a local nonprofit that helps improve the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities. On August 7, attorneys from Smith Debnam, along with employees from other local businesses, teamed up with area sports stars for a day of competition and sportsmanship to benefit local children and adults living with physical disabilities. Smith Debnam's team won their first 3 games and placed 2nd overall, losing in the first round of finals to tough competition from the Durham Police Department. This marks the sixth year Smith Debnam has participated in the event.

The 2017 Smith Debnam team included current player of the Triangle Thunder Wheelchair Basketball Team, Miles Hill, along with Smith Debnam attorneys [John Sperati](#), [Christina McAlpin Taylor](#), [Alicia Journey](#), and [Tom Gray](#).

"The events put on by Bridge II Sports have made great strides in raising awareness about physical disabilities and the individuals who live with them," said Smith Debnam Partner John M. Sperati. "It truly makes a difference when so many local businesses invest their time and resources in this cause." Sperati currently serves on the board of directors for Bridge II Sports, and chairs the Bridge II Sports legal committee.

About Bridge II Sports

Bridge II Sports is a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for children and adults who are physically challenged to play team and individual sports. Alongside a number of community partners, Bridge II Sports provides and coordinates the equipment, coaching and play space, as well as develops teams. Bridge II Sports' goal is to help individuals to discover tenacity, confidence, self-esteem, and the joy of finding the player from within.

About Smith Debnam

Founded in 1972, Smith Debnam is a leading, multi-practice law firm for institutions and



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