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[Bettie Kelley Sousa](#) has been practicing law with Smith Debnam since becoming licensed in 1981. She is a Board Certified Creditors' Rights Specialist. She has a wealth of experience in state and federal courts, including bankruptcy courts, at both trial and appellate levels. She represents mostly business owners and businesses --- large and small --- in a variety of matters, including contract review, drafting and disputes.



Jerry Myers is Smith Debnam's Managing Partner and for more than 30 years, he has focused his practice in the area of creditors' rights, with an emphasis on debt collection, judgment enforcement, and commercial litigation. Jerry is certified by the American Board of Certification as a Specialist in the field of Creditors Rights law. Jerry is a past President of the Commercial Law League of America and was the first President of the North Carolina Creditors Bar Association. He has written and lectured extensively on debt collection and

Smith Debnam's Bettie Kelley Sousa Elected Officer of National Board

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RALEIGH, NC – Raleigh attorney [Bettie Kelley Sousa](#), a partner with the firm of Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers, L.L.P., was elected Treasurer of the American Board of Certification at its recent meeting in New York, NY. Accredited by the American Bar Association, ABC administers the only nationwide certification of specialists in the legal fields of creditors' rights and bankruptcy. Mrs. Sousa, primarily a business litigator, has been a creditors' rights specialist since the certification was first available in 1993. She has served on ABC's Board of Directors since 2002, on its Executive Committee since 2004, and was Chair of its Standards Committee in 2005 and 2006. Most recently Mrs. Sousa served as ABC's Secretary in 2008. [Mr. Jerry T. Myers](#), the managing partner of Smith Debnam, also serves on ABC's Board of Directors.

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