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Ten Smith Debnam Attorneys Listed in the 2018 Edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers

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Raleigh, N.C. (Jan. 25, 2018) – Ten Smith Debnam attorneys were recognized in the 2018 edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers, three of which were named to the "Rising Stars" Category.

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- [Andrea Bosquez-Porter](#) – Rising Star for *Family Law*
- [Caren D. Enloe](#) – for *Creditor Debtor Rights*
- [Sam D. Fleder](#) – Rising Star for *Civil Litigation: Defense*
- [Alicia Journey](#) – Rising Star for *Family Law*
- [Lynn Wilson McNally](#) – for *Family Law*
- [Jerry T. Myers](#) – for *Creditor Debtor Rights*
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- [Max R. Rodden](#) – for *Family Law*
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- [Rose H. Stout](#) – for *Family Law*

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