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Andrew is a member of the firm's Trust and Estates practice area. He represents clients in matters involving estate planning, estate administration, and special needs law. Originally from Grand Haven, Michigan, Andrew attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He earned his J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law.



[Joe Davies](#) is a certified superior court mediator and member of the firm's [construction law](#) group and has an extensive background in lien filings and construction litigation. He represents construction companies and small business owners in lease negotiations and complex litigation matters. His clients include general contractors and subcontractors, as well as property managers, landlords, commercial tenants, equipment rental companies, and building material suppliers.

Three Smith Debnam Lawyers Recognized as ONES TO WATCH by Best Lawyers®

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Raleigh, N.C. (August 19, 2021) – Smith Debnam today announced three Smith Debnam lawyers were included in the 2022 edition of the [Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#) for their outstanding professional excellence in private practice. *Best Lawyers®* is one of the most respected attorney peer-review publications in the legal profession. Recognition is based entirely on peer review and employs the same methodology that has made Best Lawyers the gold standard for legal rankings worldwide.

Smith Debnam congratulates the following attorneys for being included in the 2022 edition of [Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#).

BANKRUPTCY AND CREDITOR-DEBTOR RIGHTS / INSOLVENCY AND REORGANIZATION LAW

- [Christina McAlpin Taylor](#) – Taylor is a partner in the firm and a 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. In 2016, Taylor was named to the *25 Most Influential Women in Collections* by Collection Advisor Magazine. In 2021, Taylor was appointed to serve a four-year term on the East Carolina University (ECU) Women's Roundtable Board of Directors.

CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION

- [Joseph Davies](#) – is a partner and member of the [Construction Law practice group](#) at Smith Debnam. He received his superior court mediation certification from the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. Davies has an extensive background in lien filings and construction litigation and represents construction companies and small business owners in lease negotiations and complex litigation matters. Davies earned his B.A. magna cum laude from the University of Richmond and his J.D. with honors from Duke University School of Law.

TRUSTS AND ESTATES



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 professionalism.

- [Andrew Bullard](#) – Bullard is a member of the firm's [Trust and Estates](#). He represents clients in matters involving estate planning and estate administration. Originally from Grand Haven, Michigan, Bullard attended the University of Michigan. He earned his J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law.

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