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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR



[Tom Gray](#) is a partner in the firm and member of the firm's creditors' rights practice group. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, equipment leasing and finance, creditors' rights, and construction law, representing a variety of businesses and individuals through all stages of commercial litigation. He also represents national and local equipment leasing companies and their financing sources seeking to enforce their rights pursuant to the lease, including the recovery of amounts due, recovery of equipment, and representation of creditors in bankruptcy court.

## Tom Gray completes Leadership Raleigh

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[Tom Gray](#), an attorney with Smith Debnam, represented the firm in the [Leadership Raleigh](#) class of 2010/2011. Tom, along with 50 other participants, graduated from Leadership Raleigh's 26th class. The ceremony featured a keynote speech from former Hurricane's player and humanitarian, Rod Brind'Amour, who received the Distinguished Leader of the Year Award.

Leadership Raleigh is a nine-month program held in the greater Raleigh area emphasizing team projects, community orientation, and enhancing leadership skills. The 51 graduates worked in 10 project teams assisting community non-profit organizations including April's Angels, Boys & Girls Clubs, DHIC, Inc., Downtown Raleigh Alliance, The Healing Place of Wake County, House of Hope North Carolina, Marbles Kids Museum, North Raleigh Ministries, SouthLight, Inc., and StepUp Ministries. Tom's project benefitted the House of Hope of NC, Inc., a Christian therapeutic school, home, and counseling center for hurting and troubled girls, ages 12-17.

Tom Gray concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, equipment leasing and finance, construction law and creditors' rights. Tom represents a variety of businesses and individuals through all stages of commercial litigation. In addition to Tom, Smith Debnam has sponsored numerous other attorneys with the firm to participate in Leadership Raleigh over the past several years, and each participant came away with valuable leadership skills, a greater knowledge of the community, and lasting personal and professional relationships.

Additional information about Leadership Raleigh is available online at [Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce](#).

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