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ABOUT THE AUTHORS



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 judgment enforcement, including CLE presentations sponsored by Wake Forest University School of Law, the North Carolina Bar Foundation, the Commercial Law League of America, and the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys.



[Jennifer Quillen](#) oversees the firm's compliance strategy and is responsible for ensuring its overall effective readiness in preventing, protecting, and

Why Law Firms Need Dedicated Compliance Officers

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Donna Boehme of the Society of Corporate Compliance & Ethics recently interviewed Smith Debnam's managing partner, [Jerry T. Myers](#) along with Jennifer Quillen, Smith Debnam's Chief Compliance Officer to discuss the growing complexity of information security and why law firms need dedicated compliance officers.

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correcting any incident of noncompliance. With the functional authority that grants her complete independence and objectivity, Jennifer monitors all activities across the firm in accordance with firm policies and client industry regulations, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies. Jennifer has 19 years of risk management and FDIC bank examiner experience. Prior to Smith Debnam, she served as a Risk Management Consultant and was responsible for the implementation of numerous, highly successful internal auditing programs for a number of leading banks and financial services institutions.

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