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MY PROFILE

Christina is a partner at the Raleigh-based law firm of Smith Debnam and a member of the firm's creditors' rights practice group. An accomplished attorney known for handling a large volume of cases with precision and grace, she represents a wide range of businesses through all stages of creditor representation, including pre-suit collection efforts, lawsuits, judgments, and executions. In her practice group, she actively leads the leadership development of five direct reports. In 2016, she was named to the [25 Most Influential Women in Collections](#) by Collection Advisor Magazine. Christina was named to the 2020 class of East Carolina University's 40 Under Forty Leadership Awards. In 2021, she was appointed to serve a four-year term on the East Carolina University (ECU) Women's Roundtable Board of Directors.

She enjoys serving in her local community and quick to get involved whenever there's a need. Her passion projects involve serving underprivileged or at-risk youth. She is an active volunteer at *Community Hope* (a YMCA literacy program) and she serves on the board for Root Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to raising money for a local elementary school. She's also an active supporter of the YMCA's *We Build People Campaign*.

Kind assertiveness is a trademark of Christina's style, making her a zealous advocate in the courtroom and in negotiations. This is why she so often receives handwritten thank you notes touting her exceptional display of kindness and respect. For clients, it's a win-win.

Christina earned her Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University Law School and a Bachelor's degree from East Carolina University. She is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, Commercial Law League of America, National Creditors Bar Association, North Carolina Creditors' Bar, and the Wake County Bar Association.

MY CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, Western District of North Carolina
- Virginia State Bar

Education

- J.D., North Carolina Central University, 2006
- B.S., Family and Community Studies, East Carolina University, 2003 Minor, Business Management

Professional Affiliations

- North Carolina Bar Association
- Wake County Bar Association; Young Lawyer's Division; Wake County Bar Association and 10th Judicial District Bar Swearing-In Committee Member and Past Chair; Lunch with a Lawyer Program
- [Commercial Law League of America \(CLLA\)](#), Member
- National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys (NARCA), Member
- [North Carolina Creditors' Bar](#), Member
- East Carolina University [Women's Roundtable Board of Directors](#), Member

Awards & Recognition

- Leaders in the Law Recipient, [North Carolina Lawyer's Weekly](#), 2011
- Named to [25 Most Influential Women In Collections](#) from Collection Advisor Magazine, 2016
- Named to the 2020 class of East Carolina University's [40 Under Forty Leadership Awards](#)

Civic Involvement

- Community Hope, Mentor
- Wake County Bar Association, 2009 Service Juris Day, Planning Liaison
- Teen Court, Judge
- Intramural Softball
- Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Member Leadership Raleigh 25, 2009-2010

Published Articles

- Confirming Arbitration Awards in State Courts, *Consumer Collection Committee Newsletter* (2008)

NEWS

April 7, 2021

[Creditors' Rights Attorney Christina McAlpin Taylor Appointed to Serve on ECU Women's Roundtable Board of Directors](#)

January 15, 2021

[Smith Debnam Podcast Creditors' Corner LEGAL TALK Ranked Top 15](#)

Consumer Law Podcasts to Follow in 2021

December 16, 2019

[Smith Debnam Attorney Christina Taylor Named to ECU's "40 Under Forty" 2020 list](#)

September 5, 2016

[Christina McAlpin Taylor Named to Collection Advisor Magazine's 25 Most Powerful Women in Collections](#)

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