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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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MY PROFILE

Jerry Myers is Smith Debnam's Managing Partner. He concentrates his practice in the area of creditors' rights, with an emphasis on debt collection, judgment enforcement, and commercial litigation. Jerry served as President of the Commercial Law League of America, an organization of creditors' rights professionals, and is certified in the field of Creditors' Rights Law by the American Board of Certifications. Jerry is an active member of the National Creditors Bar Association, presenting CLE programs and serving on committees. Jerry was also instrumental in forming the North Carolina Creditors' Bar Association, a specialty bar whose members are committed to advocating for the rights of lenders and others in the credit and collections industry.

Jerry's practice includes litigation, regulatory compliance, and licensing matters, and general business representation. He has practiced in the creditors' rights field for more than 30 years and has written and lectured extensively on debt collection and judgment enforcement. Jerry has presented CLE programs sponsored by institutions including Wake Forest University School of Law, the North Carolina Bar Foundation, the Commercial Law League of America, and the National Creditors Bar Association.

Jerry is listed in North Carolina [Super Lawyers](#), a rating service of [outstanding lawyers](#) from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

MY CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar
- South Carolina State Bar
- Virginia State Bar

Education

- J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 1984
- B.S., Wake Forest University, 1980
- A.A., *summa cum laude*, Wingate University, 1978

Certifications

- Certified as a Creditors' Rights Specialist by the American Board of Certification

Awards & Recognition

- Listed among [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#) 2007, 2010 - 2021
- Featured as an "Industry Giant" representing the Commercial Law League of America - May 2006
- [Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Rated](#) for Highest Level of Professional Excellence

Professional Affiliations

- [Commercial Law League of America](#); President, 2005-2006
- National Creditors Bar Association
- [North Carolina Creditors Bar Association](#) (NCCBA), Past President, Treasurer
- American Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Wake County Bar Association; Past President, Young Lawyers Division

Civic Involvement

- American Red Cross Triangle Chapter, Board of Directors
- Better Business Bureau of Eastern North Carolina; General Counsel (pro bono)
- White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Member; Sunday School teacher
- North Carolina Museum of History; Associate Member
- North Carolina Museum of Art; Associate Member

Podcast Episodes

- Creditors' Corner LEGAL TALK | Season 2 Episode 14 | [The Bona Fide Error Defense](#)
- Creditors' Corner LEGAL TALK | Season 2 Episode 10 | [Picking Apart the New Debt Validation Notice Requirements - Beware the Traps](#)

Published Articles

- Collections and Enforcement of Judgments in North Carolina, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1997 (The leading creditors' rights treatise in North Carolina.)
- Contributing author, Judgment Enforcement, Aspen Publishers (A national treatise that focuses on creditors' remedies.)
- Contributing author, Commercial Law and Practice Guide, Matthew-Bender (A general treatise on commercial law.)
- Contributing author, Manual of Credit and Commercial Laws, NACM, 2005, (A general treatise on commercial law.)
- An Overview of UCITA, Commercial Law Journal (Fall 2001)

ARTICLES & INSIGHTS

April 27, 2016

[CFPB Penalizes Yet Another Debt Collection Law Firm](#)

January 21, 2016

[Law Firm Assessed \\$3.1 Million Fine – The Hanna Consent Order](#)

August 1, 2006

[North Carolina Identity Theft Protection Act – The Importance of Keeping Private Information Private](#)

NEWS

February 9, 2021

[Joe Davies Named Partner at Smith Debnam](#)

January 19, 2021

[Twelve Smith Debnam Attorneys Recognized in 2021 ‘Super Lawyers’ and ‘Rising Stars’ Lists](#)

January 15, 2021

[Smith Debnam Podcast Creditors’ Corner LEGAL TALK Ranked Top 15 Consumer Law Podcasts to Follow in 2021](#)

April 30, 2020

[Smith Debnam Welcomes Attorney Elizabeth Blackwell](#)

January 25, 2018

[Ten Smith Debnam Attorneys Listed in the 2018 Edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers](#)

April 30, 2014

[Why Law Firms Need Dedicated Compliance Officers](#)

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