



# Max R. Rodden

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law

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### MY PROFILE

Max Rodden joined Smith Debnam's family law practice in Raleigh after practicing for over 15 years in a more rural area of North Carolina. He takes a practical approach to family law by helping clients understand how to minimize the expense and animosity when dealing with family issues while guiding them toward reasonable decisions with their family's overall best interests in mind.

Max is a Board Certified Family Law Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar [Board of Legal Specialization](#). He represents clients in all aspects of family law including absolute divorce, child custody and support, equitable distribution, alimony, name change, adoption, post-marital agreements, pre-marital agreements, annulment, grandparent custody and visitation, termination of parental rights, abuse and neglect proceedings, divorce from bed and board, legitimization, paternity, domestic violence and marital torts. Max has extensive trial experience and has represented clients at all levels of North Carolina courts including district, superior, special proceedings, juvenile, small claims, administrative proceedings, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Max has participated in numerous mediations and arbitrations in family law and other civil litigation cases. He has also appeared in bankruptcy court to protect creditor rights of family law clients. Max's accolades include being listed among [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#) and [Business North Carolina's Legal Elite](#).

### GET TO KNOW MAX

#### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

"My first job was working at my parents' retail furniture store."

#### WHAT OR WHO INSPIRED YOU TO GO TO LAW SCHOOL?

"I can think of a few specific attorneys in my hometown who helped me to make the decision to go to law school and become an attorney."

#### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

"I enjoy the challenge that each new case brings and the satisfaction of winning a trial after all the hours of hard work."

## MY CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

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

### Education

- J.D., Wake Forest University Law School, 1991
- B.S. Business, *cum laude*, Wake Forest University, 1985

### Certifications

- Board Certified Family Law Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar [Board of Legal Specialization](#), 2007

### Professional Affiliations

- North Carolina Bar Association; Family Law Section, Co-Chair Alimony Committee and Equitable Distribution Committee; Law-Related Education Committee; Former editor of the Family Forum
- Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar; Professionalism Committee, 2010-Present
- North Carolina Advocates for Justice; Family Law Section
- Leadership Raleigh, Class of 2012
- Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Member
- Christian Legal Society, Member
- Business Leaders Club, Member
- [Primerus International Society of Law Firms](#), Family Law Practice Group

### Awards & Recognition

- Selected as 2014 Business North Carolina Legal Elite for Family Law
- Listed among North Carolina [Super Lawyers](#) - 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

### Civic Involvement

- Open Door Baptist Church
- The Healing Place
- Thomasville Jaycees, Thomasville, NC; Life member
- Highwoods Kiwanis Club, Raleigh NC

### Published Articles

- The Hague Convention and International Child Abduction, *Legal Insights*, October 2008

## ARTICLES & INSIGHTS

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August 12, 2019

## IT'S JUST AN OFFER: Thoughts on Initial Settlement Proposals in Divorce

August 2, 2019

Why Do Divorce Cases Take So Long? PART TWO

July 23, 2019

Why Do Divorce Cases Take So Long? PART ONE

May 24, 2019

Division of Retirement Benefits between Former Spouses

May 24, 2019

Alimony Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

March 4, 2016

Divorce Lawyer or Family Law Attorney – Is there a difference?

March 3, 2015

The Problem with Oral Agreements

January 6, 2015

The Perils of Joint Debt Liability for Divorcing Couples

June 18, 2014

The Hague Convention and International Child Abduction

January 23, 2012

Taxes and Divorce: A few things you should know

## **NEWS**

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January 29, 2019

Meet our Attorneys Listed In the 2019 Edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers

September 7, 2018

Smith Debnam Laces Up for Backpack Buddies at 2018 North Hills 5k

January 25, 2018

Ten Smith Debnam Attorneys Listed in the 2018 Edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers

January 26, 2016

NC Super Lawyers Selects Nine Smith Debnam Attorneys

January 26, 2015

## Smith Debnam Attorneys Named to the 2015 North Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

January 29, 2014

Two Smith Debnam Family Law Attorneys Selected as Business North Carolina's Legal Elite

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December 3, 2013

Smith Debnam ranked U.S. News-Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firm" for third straight year

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March 4, 2013

Pick your battles: An alternative, cost-saving approach to property division issues

November 2, 2011

Smith Debnam ranked U.S. News-Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firm"

August 25, 2011

Leadership Raleigh: Max Rodden joins Class of 2011/2012

July 22, 2010

Free Separation and Divorce Seminars

July 27, 2009

Smith Debnam Honored by Metro Bravo for Second Straight Year

April 24, 2009

Max R. Rodden Joins Smith Debnam Narron Wyche Saintsing & Myers, L.L.P.

April 24, 2009

Max R. Rodden becomes NC Bar Board Certified in Family Law

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