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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Consumer Financial Services Litigation & Compliance
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### MY PROFILE

Zach Dunn is an associate within the Consumer Financial Services Compliance & Litigation practice group at Smith Debnam. He focuses his practice on assisting clients with pre-suit negotiations, mediations, arbitrations, litigation, and appellate advocacy in matters involving consumer financial services litigation and compliance, bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Before joining Smith Debnam, Zach served as law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Linda M. McGee and Honorable Judge John M. Tyson of the North Carolina Court of Appeals where he participated in drafting court opinions on a range of legal issues. A big believer in looking at the big picture in order to protect his clients from secondary issues that may be lurking in the background, Zach is methodical in his approach – applying a sensible, logical order to problem-solving that clients appreciate.

Zach graduated, *cum laude*, from Appalachian State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He earned his *Juris Doctor* from Wake Forest University School of Law where he was active in the trial and appellate advocacy programs, including Wake Forest's Appellate Advocacy Clinic.

### MY CREDENTIALS

#### Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar, 2016
- United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

#### Education

- J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 2015
- B.S., *cum laude*, Appalachian State University, 2012

#### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (Member, Business Law Section)
- National Order of the Barristers
- Wake Forest Moot Court Board, 2013-2015
- Wake Forest Journal of Business & Intellectual Property Law, Editorial Staff (2013-2015)

### **Awards & Recognition**

- CALI Award for Legal Excellence: Appellate Advocacy Clinic, 2015
- Scholastic Honors, Spring 2015
- 2014 Wake Forest National Moot Court Team; Awarded Best Brief, Richmond Regional
- 2014 Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition Team

### **ARTICLES & INSIGHTS**

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February 5, 2020

[Deepening Circuit Split, Third Circuit Holds that Items Seized Pre-Petition Did Not Violate Automatic Stay](#)

August 30, 2019

[Letters Demanding Payment Did Not Overshadow Validation Period](#)

March 15, 2019

[District Court Rules Telemarketer's Single Unanswered Call Creates Article III Standing](#)

May 8, 2018

[Recent Consumer Financial Services Litigation Cases: What You Need to Know](#)

October 27, 2017

[District Court Opinion Provides Road Map for Successful Bona Fide Error Defense](#)

### **NEWS**

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November 1, 2019

[Smith Debnam Named in 2020 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers®](#)

September 7, 2018

[Smith Debnam Laces Up for Backpack Buddies at 2018 North Hills 5k](#)

May 3, 2018

[Smith Debnam Releases its Spring 2018 Consumer Financial Services](#)

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