

44 Ward and Smith Attorneys Selected for 2019 Best Lawyers in America List

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The Ward and Smith attorneys recognized by Best Lawyers® are as follows:



Asheville

Derek Allen

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation - Land Use and Zoning

Bill Durr

- Family Law

Zac Lamb

- Trusts and Estates

Lance Martin

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Bill Wolcott

- Real Estate Law

Greenville

Charles Ellis

- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Brad Evans

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Construction

Lynwood Evans

- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Paul Fanning

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy

Michael Fields

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Merrill Jones

- Corporate Law

John Martin

- Family Law
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Benjamin Waller

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

New Bern

Don Eglinton

- Commercial Litigation
- Copyright Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

Ken Gray

- Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

Bill Lathan

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Michael Miller

- Arbitration
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Mediation
- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

Greg Peacock

- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

C. H. Pope

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Real Estate Law
- Timber Law

Knox Proctor

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Clint Routson

- Real Estate Law

Troy Smith

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law

Amy Wang

- Environmental Law

David Ward

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- International Trade and Finance Law
- Litigation - Antitrust

Leigh Wilkinson

- Health Care Law

Ken Wooten

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Construction

Raleigh

Al Bell (Retired)

- Employment Law - Management
- Labor Law - Management

Wes Camden

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

John Cella

- Trusts and Estates

Bob Crouse

- Patent Law

Benji Jones

- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation

Shawna Lemon, P.h.D.

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Steven Long

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Tax Law

Bill Martin

- Real Estate Law

Gary Rickner

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

Jerry Sayre

- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Liz Stanek

- Patent Law

Jason Strickland

- Litigation - Construction

Jim Verdonik

- Corporate Law
- Technology Law
- Venture Capital Law

Wilmington

Tom Babel

- Commercial Litigation

Jenna Butler

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Securities
- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Trip Coyne

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Litigation - Construction

John Sloan

- Trusts and Estates

Ryal Tayloe

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Real Estate

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