



Asheville Attorney Joanne Badr Graduates Leadership Asheville, Assumes Two New Board Positions

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Ward and Smith, P.A. commercial real estate attorney and Asheville native Joanne Badr recently graduated from the Leadership Asheville program. Badr joins the ranks of over 1200 Leadership Asheville graduates since the program's inception, including Ward and Smith attorneys Bill Durr, Norman Leonard, Grant Osborne, Hayley Wells, and Bill Wolcott. The Leadership Asheville program's mission is to develop, connect, and mobilize citizens to step further into community leadership. In Badr's case, it appears to be working already.

Badr was nominated to serve a three-year term on the North Carolina Bar Association's Real Property Section Council at their recent meeting in New Bern. The Real Property Section deals with numerous issues affecting real property practice in North Carolina. As one of the NCBA's largest sections, it is actively engaged in legislation, publishing, and other matters involving real property law.

Badr also recently joined the Western North Carolina Real Estate Foundation Board, a not-for-profit that exists solely to support The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina through the management of real property contributions to the Foundation.

Ward and Smith Co-Managing Director Ken Wooten commented "Joanne embodies the commitment to our communities that is one of the cornerstones of the Ward and Smith culture. She is a roll-up-your-sleeves, get-it-done, service-oriented attorney, and I know she will be an asset to both the Real Property Section Council and the Western North Carolina Real Estate Foundation Board."

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