

Ward and Smith Named to the 2020 U.S. News - Best Lawyers® 'Best Law Firms' List

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U.S. News – Best Lawyers® has once again selected Ward and Smith for inclusion in its 2020 'Best Law Firms' prestigious guide.

The annual publication honors firms for professional excellence with persistently impressive reviews from clients and peers. Rankings are presented in tiers, which signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise, and then listed on a national or a metropolitan scale. For ranking purposes, U.S. News and Best Lawyers® incorporated Greenville into the Raleigh metropolitan area and New Bern into the Wilmington metropolitan area.

Ward and Smith received 37 metro rankings.

Asheville

Tier 1

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Tier 2

- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Land Use & Zoning
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Tier 3

- Family Law

Raleigh

Tier 1

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Family Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction
- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Tier 2

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Trusts & Estates Law

Tier 3

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Tax Law

Wilmington

Tier 1

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- International Trade and Finance Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Tier 2

- Construction Law
- Environmental Law

- Health Care Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

In order to be eligible for a ranking, a firm must have a lawyer listed in The Best Lawyers in America[®], which recognizes the top four percent of practicing attorneys in the United States. More information on the "Best Law Firms" methodology can be found [here](#).

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