

Ward and Smith, P.A. Announces 2013 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars'

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Ward and Smith, P.A. is pleased to announce the inclusion of 18 of its attorneys in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* magazine. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations. Only 5 percent of North Carolina attorneys are included in this prestigious group.

Ward and Smith attorneys acknowledged as "Super Lawyers" include: **Albert R. Bell, Jr.**, Employment & Labor; **Stuart B. Dorsett**, Estate Planning & Probate; **Donalt J. Eglinton**, Business Litigation; **A. Charles Ellis**, Personal Injury Plaintiff: General; **Paul A. Fanning**, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights; **Michael P. Flanagan**, Banking; **John M. Martin**, Business Litigation; **Michael L. Miller**, Estate Planning & Probate; **Gary J. Rickner**, Business Litigation; **Frank H. Sheffield, Jr.**, Environmental; **Ryal W. Tayloe**, Construction Litigation; **David L. Ward, Jr.**, Banking; and **Kenneth R. Wooten**, Business Litigation.

Our "Rising Stars" include: **Samuel B. Franck**, Real Estate; **William A. Oden, III**, Employment & Labor; **Michael J. Parrish**, Business Litigation; **Jason T. Strickland**, Business Litigation; and **Hayley R. Wells**, Employment & Labor.