

# Ward and Smith Earns 34 'Best Law Firm' Rankings in 2018 Edition

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Ward and Smith, P.A. received 34 rankings in the 2018 Edition of U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms."

Firms included in the 2018 "Best Law Firms" list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

The 2018 rankings are based on the highest number of participating firms and highest number of client ballots on record.

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](#).

Firms with offices in the identified "metropolitan areas" and with the highest overall scores are included on the metropolitan area lists. 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's metropolitan area offices include Asheville, Raleigh, and Wilmington. Rankings for these cities include:

## Asheville

Tier 1 in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Tier 1 in Litigation - Land Use & Zoning

Tier 2 in Family Law

Tier 2 in Land Use & Zoning Law

## Raleigh

Tier 1 in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Tier 1 in Commercial Litigation

Tier 1 in Employment Law - Management

Tier 1 in Labor Law - Management

Tier 1 in Litigation - Bankruptcy

Tier 1 in Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs

Tier 1 in Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Tier 2 in Banking and Finance Law

Tier 2 in Corporate Law

Tier 2 in Family Law

Tier 2 in Litigation - Construction

Tier 2 in Technology Law

Tier 3 in Biotechnology Law

Tier 3 in Venture Capital Law

Wilmington-NC

Tier 1 in Commercial Litigation

Tier 1 in Corporate Law

Tier 1 in Health Care Law

Tier 1 in International Trade and Finance Law

Tier 1 in Land Use & Zoning Law

Tier 1 in Litigation - Construction

Tier 1 in Litigation - Intellectual Property

Tier 1 in Litigation - Trusts & Estates

Tier 1 in Real Estate Law

Tier 1 in Trusts & Estates Law

Tier 2 in Arbitration

Tier 2 in Construction Law

Tier 2 in Litigation - Labor & Employment

Tier 2 in Litigation - Real Estate

Tier 2 in Mediation

Tier 2 in Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs