
Ward and Smith, P.A. Receives Best Law Firm Ranking

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Ward and Smith, P.A. has been recognized as a "Best Law Firm" by [U.S. News & World Report](#) and [Best Lawyers®](#).¹ [U.S. News](#) and [Best Lawyers®](#) joined together to survey thousands of law firm clients, leading lawyers, law firm managers, partners, associates, and others involved in the legal profession, asking what factors each considered vital for clients hiring law firms, for lawyers choosing a firm for referral of legal matters, and for lawyers seeking employment. Based on the survey, the publishers ranked nearly 9,000 firms in 81 practice areas.

Firms with the highest overall scores and located in 171 designated "metropolitan areas" are listed in the printed edition of "Best Law Firms." Ward and Smith's metropolitan area offices include Asheville, Raleigh, and Wilmington. Legal services in which Ward and Smith is ranked include:

Raleigh Metropolitan Area Tier 1

Banking and Finance Law

Corporate Law

General Commercial
Litigation

Health Care Law

Medical Malpractice Law
– Plaintiffs

Raleigh Metropolitan Area Tier 2

Antitrust Law

Bankruptcy and Creditor
Debtor Rights/Insolvency

and
Reorganization
Law

Construction Law

Environmental Law

Personal Injury Litigation
– Plaintiffs

Venture Capital Law

Trusts & Estates Law

Workers' Compensation
Law – Employers

**Wilmington Metropolitan
Area Tier 1**

**Wilmington Metropolitan
Area Tier 2**

General Commercial
Litigation

Construction Law

Personal Injury Litigation
– Plaintiffs

**Asheville Metropolitan
Area Tier 2**

Land Use & Zoning Law

Although [U.S. News](#) and [Best Lawyers®](#) did not consider Greenville and New Bern as metropolitan areas for purposes of inclusion in the "Best Law Firms" publication, firms in those cities were nevertheless ranked. Ward and Smith's Greenville and New Bern offices received the following rankings:

Greenville Tier 1

Banking and Finance Law

Corporate Law

Greenville Tier 2

Antitrust Law

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor

Rights/Insolvency

General Commercial Litigation	and Reorganization Law
Health Care Law	Construction Law
Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs	Environmental Law
Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs	Venture Capital Law
Trusts & Estates Law	Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

New Bern Tier 1

Banking and Finance Law

Corporate Law

General Commercial Litigation

Health Care Law

Medical Malpractice Law –
Plaintiffs

Personal Injury Litigation –
Plaintiffs

Trusts & Estates Law

New Bern Tier 2

Construction Law

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor
Rights/Insolvency

and Reorganization Law

Construction Law

Environmental Law

Venture Capital Law

Workers' Compensation Law –
Employers

¹ Please see <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com> for a further explanation of the selection process discussed above.