

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" for 2011-2012 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, and 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 prepared national rankings in one or more of 75 major legal practice areas for 9,633 firms. The publishers also ranked those firms in metropolitan or state rankings in one or more of 119 major legal practice areas.

For ranking purposes, [U.S. News](#) and [Best Lawyers®](#) include Greenville in the Raleigh metropolitan area and New Bern in the Wilmington metropolitan area. Ward and Smith's metropolitan area offices are Asheville, Raleigh, and Wilmington.

Ward and Smith's National Rankings

Tier 3

Litigation - Construction

Ward and Smith's Metropolitan Rankings

Raleigh Tier 1

Banking and Finance Law

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Law

Litigation - Bankruptcy

Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs

Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Trusts & Estates Law

Wilmington Tier 1

Banking and Finance Law

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Law

Environmental Law

Financial Services Regulation Law

Health Care Law

International Trade and Finance Law

Litigation - Antitrust

Litigation – Construction
Litigation – Environmental
Litigation – Intellectual Property
Litigation – Trusts & Estates
Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
Real Estate Law
Trusts & Estates Law
Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Asheville Tier 2

Land Use & Zoning Law

Raleigh Tier 2

Employment Law – Management
Labor Law – Management
Litigation – Eminent Domain & Condemnation
Venture Capital Law
Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Wilmington Tier 2

Litigation – Real Estate

[1] Please see bestlawfirms.usnews.com for a further explanation of the selection process discussed above.