

# Ward and Smith, P.A. Receives Best Law Firm Rankings

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*U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers*® have released the 2013 "Best Law Firms" rankings, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings. Once again, Ward and Smith, P.A. received the highest metropolitan tier rankings in multiple categories.

The third edition of these rankings features law firms that have been given consistently impressive performance ratings by clients and peers. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.

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. The Firm's First-Tier rankings in each metropolitan area are:

## **Asheville Metropolitan Area**

Litigation - Land Use & Zoning

## **Raleigh Metropolitan Area (includes Greenville)**

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Commercial Litigation

Employment Law - Management

Labor Law - Management

Litigation - Bankruptcy

Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs

Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Trusts & Estates Law

## **Wilmington Metropolitan Area (includes New Bern)**

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Law

Environmental Law

Health Care Law

International Trade and Finance Law

Land Use & Zoning Law

Litigation - Construction

Litigation - Eminent Domain & Condemnation

Litigation - Environmental

Litigation - Intellectual Property  
Litigation - Trusts & Estates  
Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs  
Real Estate Law  
Trusts & Estates Law