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### Professional Experience

Knox is a general business attorney with a financial institutions and regulatory background. He helps large, mid-sized, and small businesses with general corporate and business issues, including mergers and acquisitions, and is particularly well-equipped to address a variety of regulatory issues and lending matters. Knox has experience with securities issues, and also advises on trust issues, securities brokerage, investment advice and asset management services, and insurance services. He serves on various North Carolina Bar Association committees, including those that deal with legislative issues affecting financial institutions and trust administration.

Knox also serves as President of the New Bern Civic Theatre. He previously served on the Legal Issues and Workplace Policies and Education Committees of the North Carolina Chamber and on the Board of the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining Ward and Smith, Knox served as related financial services counsel for one of North Carolina's major multi-bank holding companies. Before that, he practiced law with a large law firm in Raleigh. Knox was named a 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in the field of Corporate Law.

### Practice Concentrations

Broker-Dealer and Investment Advisor Law and Regulation

Financial Institutions Law and Regulation

Financial Institutions Securities, Mergers, and Acquisitions

Insurance Law and Regulation

Trust and Fiduciary Law and Regulation

### Education

J.D., *with high honors*, The University of North Carolina School of Law, 1987. Board of Editors, [North Carolina Law Review](#), Order of the Coif, Chief Justice Walter Clark Award.

A.B., The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1984

Davidson College, 1979-1981

The McCallie School, 1979

### Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 1987

All state courts in North Carolina

United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina

## **Honors and Distinctions\***

*The Best Lawyers in America*, Best Lawyers® 2010-2025

"Lawyer of the Year," Best Lawyers®, 2017, 2022, 2024



## **Representative Experience**

Represented acquiring bank holding company in interstate merger

Represented selling bank holding company in merger of equals

Represented bank in sale of bank branch

Established collective investment fund documentation (personal trust and employee benefit) for major bank wealth management group

Represented lending bank in \$85 million financing for regional hospital system

Represented lending bank \$4.5 million financing for non-profit

Represented foreign entity and U.S. subsidiary borrower in \$16 million credit facility

Represented supplier borrower in \$3 million receivables financing

Represented housing authority in HUD financing

Regularly negotiate and prepare loan participation arrangements among financial institutions

Regularly advise financial institutions on regulatory issues

Regularly advise corporate fiduciaries on policies and procedures, prepare forms and templates, and address regulatory and risk situations

Prepared form templates for manufacturer's RFP program for motor carriers and transportation brokers

Developed written supervisory procedures and related requirements for FINRA-regulated broker-dealer

Conducted internal investigation of governmental organization

Advised on endowment fund expenditures under Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act

Represented governmental organization in establishment of non-profit organization

## **Professional and Community Affiliations**

American Bar Association — Forum: Franchising

American Bar Association — Sections: Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice; Business Law; Real Property, Trust and Estate Law

New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce (Board of Directors, member; Leadership Craven Alumnus, Class of 2001)

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Administrative Law; Antitrust & Complex Business Disputes Law; Bankruptcy; Business Law; Constitutional Rights; Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law; International Law & Practice

North Carolina Chamber

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