

# 15 Ward and Smith Attorneys Recognized as a "Legal Elite"

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*Business North Carolina* ("BNC") has recognized 12 Ward and Smith attorneys as Legal Elite for 2020.

Since 2002, the publication has honored top attorneys from around the state who were chosen by their peers in the awarded legal category. Only about three percent of attorneys are selected for this distinction each year.

The Ward and Smith attorneys recognized as 2020 Legal Elite are:



Marla Bowman, Young Guns



Angela Doughty, Intellectual Property



**Paul Fanning**, Bankruptcy



**Paige Inman**, Family and Young Guns



Deana  
Labriola,  
Business



John Martin, Appellate



Evan Musselwhite, Young Guns



**Will Oden**, Employment



Jerry Sayre, Employment



Jason

**Strickland**, Construction



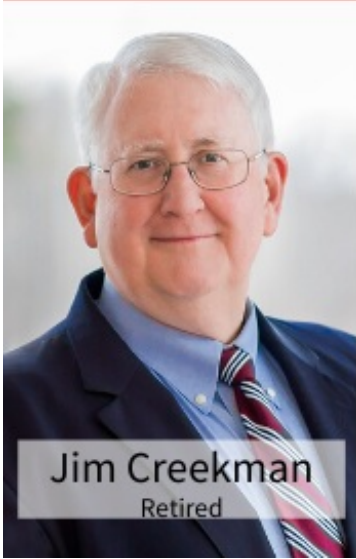
**Amy Wang**, Environmental

**Devon Williams**

**Devon Williams**, Employment and Young Guns

Amy Wang also recognized by *Business North Carolina* as the top attorney in the Environmental category, meaning she received the most votes. She now joins Jim Creekman (retired), Brad Evans, and **David Ward** (retired) in the Legal Elite Hall of Fame. According to BNC's rules, she is no longer eligible to win in that same category.

Members of *Business North Carolina's*  
**Legal Elite Hall of Fame**



**Jim Creekman**  
Retired



**Brad Evans**



**Amy Wang**



**David Ward**  
Retired

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