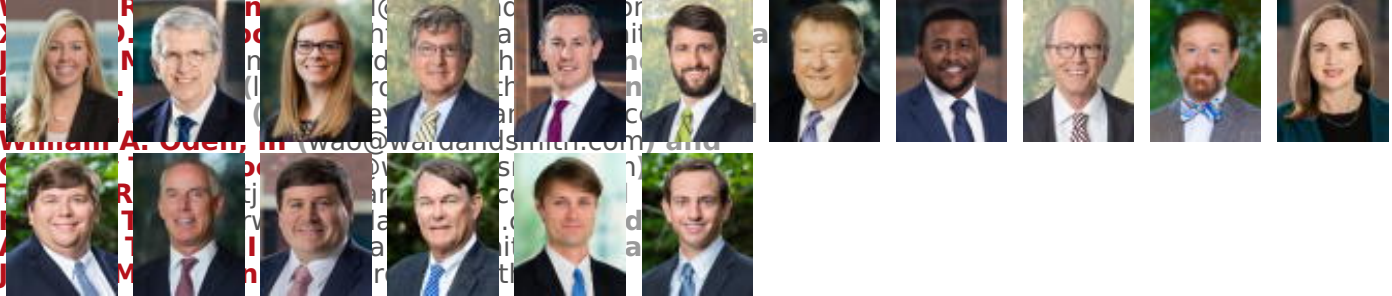


# 18 Ward and Smith Attorneys Honored in 2023 Edition of Super Lawyers

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Litigation



**Lynwood Evans**  
Personal  
Injury -

Medical  
Malpractice:  
Plaintiff



Paul Fanning\*  
Creditor Debtor  
Rights



Bill Lathan  
Banking



John Martin  
Business Litigation



Lance Martin  
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Rights



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& Labor



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Construction  
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General: Plaintiff

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Christensen  
Government  
Relations



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Employment &  
Labor



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Employment &  
Labor



Tyler Russell  
Cannabis Law



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