

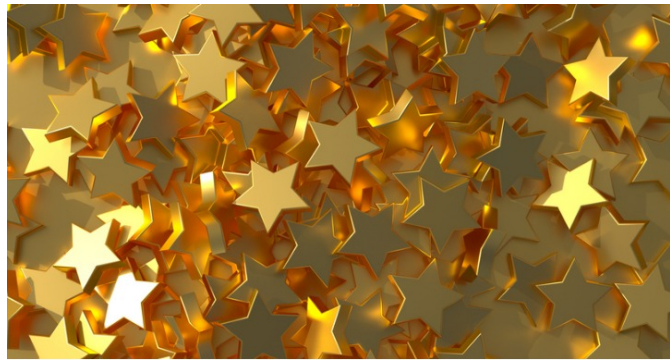
25 Ward and Smith Attorneys Recognized as 2020 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars'

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Ward and Smith is proud to announce that Super Lawyers has recognized 25 of the firm's attorneys as leaders in their respective areas of law.

The publication selected 14 attorneys as 2020 "Super Lawyers," an honor only awarded to 5% of North Carolina attorneys each year, and 11 as 2020 "Rising Stars," only

2.5% of attorneys receive this recognition in the state.

14 Attorneys Recognized as 2020 *Super Lawyers*

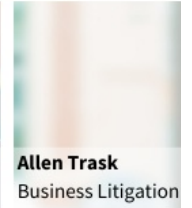
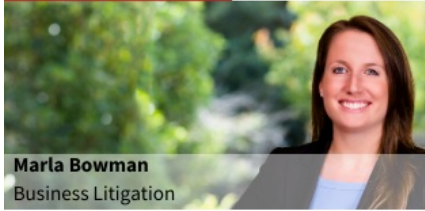


Ward and Smith attorneys recognized as 2020 *Super Lawyers* include:

- Don Eglinton, Business Litigation
- Charles Ellis, Personal Injury – General: Plaintiff
- Brad Evans, Business Litigation
- Lynwood Evans, Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Plaintiff
- Paul Fanning, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business
- Bill Lathan, Business/Corporate
- Steven Long, Employee Benefits
- John Martin, Business Litigation*
- Lance Martin, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business
- Will Oden, Employment & Labor: Employer
- Greg Peacock, Estate Planning & Probate
- Gary Rickner, Business Litigation
- Ryal Tayloe, Construction Litigation: Business
- Ken Wooten, Business Litigation

John Martin was selected for inclusion in the Top 100 Super Lawyers for 2020, based on a peer survey.

11 Attorneys Recognized as 2020 *Rising Stars*



Ward and Smith attorneys recognized as 2020 *Rising Stars* are:

- Marla Bowman, Business Litigation
- Virginia Carter, Estate Planning & Probate
- Whitney Campbell Christensen, Government Relations
- Zac Lamb, Estate Planning & Probate
- Michael Parrish, Business Litigation
- Lauren Taylor Quinn, Family Law
- Tyler Russell, Creditor Debtor Rights
- Allen Trask, Business Litigation
- Hayley Wells, Employment & Labor: Employer
- Devon Williams, Employment & Labor: Employer
- Jeremy Wilson, Personal Injury - General: Plaintiff

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