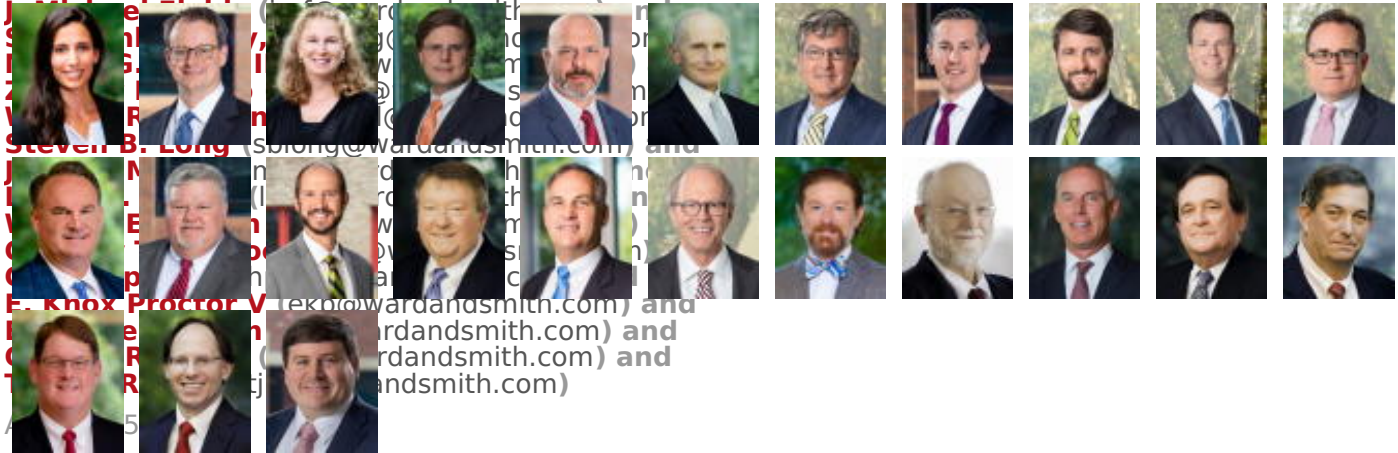


39 Ward and Smith Attorneys Make 2020 Best Lawyers in America® List

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ASHEVILLE

Derek Allen (2009)

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation - Land Use and Zoning

Bill Durr (2013)

- Family Law

Zac Lamb (2019)

- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

Lance Martin (2015)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Joanne Badr Morgan (*)

- Real Estate Law

Bill Wolcott (2018)

- Real Estate Law

GREENVILLE

Drake Brinkley (*)

- Real Estate Law

Charles Ellis (1995)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Brad Evans (2016)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Construction

Lynwood Evans (2013)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Paul Fanning (2011)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy

Michael Fields (2018)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Merrill Jones (2013)

- Corporate Law

John Martin (1995)

- Family Law
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

NEW BERN

Don Eglinton (2009)

- Commercial Litigation
- Copyright Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

Ken Gray (2009)

- Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

Bill Lathan (2005)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Bill Martin (2013)

- Real Estate Law

Greg Peacock (2010)

- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

C. H. Pope (1995)

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Real Estate Law
- Timber Law

Knox Proctor (2010)

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Eric Remington (*)

- Land Use and Zoning Law

Clint Routson (2005)

- Real Estate Law

Troy Smith (1987)

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law

Amy Wang (2019)

- Environmental Law

David Ward (1983)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- International Trade and Finance Law
- Litigation - Antitrust

Leigh Wilkinson (2010)

- Health Care Law

Ken Wooten (2005)

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Construction

RALEIGH

John Cella (2018)

- Trusts and Estates

Steven Long (2010)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Tax Law

Gary Rickner (1995)

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

Tyler Russell (*)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Jerry Sayre (2018)

- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Jason Strickland (2019)

- Litigation - Construction

WILMINGTON

Jenna Butler (2010)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Securities
- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Trip Coyne (2016)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Litigation - Construction

John Sloan (2018)

- Trusts and Estates

Ryal Tayloe (2009)

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Real Estate

Jeremy Wilson (*)

- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

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