

# Ward and Smith Receives 2015 'Best Law Firm' Rankings

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Ward and Smith has been recognized as a "Best Law Firm" for 2015 by *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers*®. Firms included in the 2015 "Best Law Firms" list are recognized for professional excellence based on ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise. More than 17,000 attorneys provided nearly 600,000 law firm assessments, and close to 7,500 clients provided more than 40,000 evaluations.

Firms with offices in the identified "metropolitan areas" and with the highest overall scores are included on the metropolitan area lists. For ranking purposes, *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers*® incorporate Greenville into the Raleigh metropolitan area and New Bern into the Wilmington metropolitan area. As a result, Ward and Smith's metropolitan area offices include Asheville, Raleigh, and Wilmington. Rankings for these cities include:

## **Metropolitan Tier 1 Asheville**

- Arbitration
- Litigation — Land Use & Zoning

## **Raleigh (includes Greenville)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation — Bankruptcy
- Medical Malpractice Law — Plaintiffs
- Trusts & Estates Law

## **Wilmington (includes New Bern)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Care Law
- International Trade and Finance Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation — Construction
- Litigation — Environmental
- Litigation — Intellectual Property
- Litigation — Trusts & Estates
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

**Metropolitan Tier 2**  
**Asheville**

Land Use & Zoning Law  
Tax Law  
Trusts & Estates Law

**Raleigh (includes Greenville)**

Technology Law

**Wilmington (includes New Bern)**

Litigation — Labor & Employment  
Litigation — Real Estate