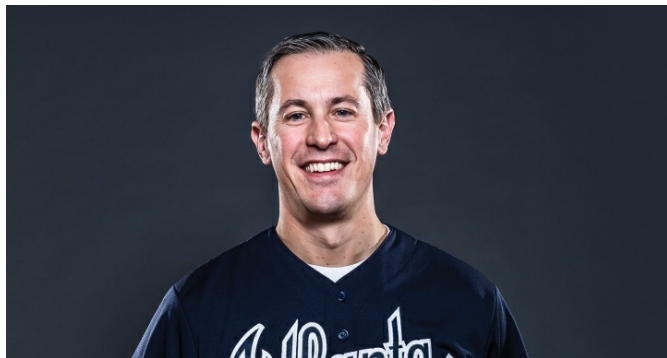


# Brad Evans Named to Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Hall of Fame for Antitrust

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Fewer than three percent of attorneys from across North Carolina are included in Business North Carolina's 2018 "Legal Elite" list. Twenty-two Ward and Smith attorneys were selected this year, but only **one** was elevated to the "Hall of Fame." Brad Evans, Co-Managing Director, was the top 'vote-getter' in the antitrust category. According to BNC's rules, he is no longer eligible to win in that same category.

Recently, BNC asked Evans and 15 other Legal Elite winners to share their favorite "Guilty Pleasures." Here's what Evans had to say:

**2018 LEGAL ELITE | ANTITRUST**  
**BRAD EVANS**  
WARD AND SMITH PA | GREENVILLE

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**FAVORITE PLACE**  
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**RECENT READING**  
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**PASSIONS**  
Eastern North Carolina; Demon Deacon athletics; my workout group; baseball; hunting and fishing; family; faith.

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Find a complete list of winners [here](#).

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