

# **Fourteen Ward and Smith, P.A. Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in Business North Carolina's 'Legal Elite'**

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Ward and Smith, P.A. is pleased to announce the inclusion of 14 of its attorneys in Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite." More than 20,000 ballots were sent to Tar Heel attorneys. The ballots asked only one question: "Who do you think is the best in these specialties?" Less than 3 percent of the state's attorneys made the list.

Ward and Smith attorneys acknowledged by peer recognition and professional achievement to become "Legal Elite" are **Derek J. Allen**, Real Estate; **William Joseph Austin, Jr.**, Employment; **Albert R. Bell, Jr.**, Employment; **Stuart B. Dorsett**, Tax/Estate Planning; **Donalt J. Eglinton**, Intellectual Property; **Paul A. Fanning**, Bankruptcy; **Michael P. Flanagan**, Bankruptcy; **S. McKinley Gray, III**, Employment; **E. Eric Mills**, Intellectual Property (category winner); **Frank H. Sheffield, Jr.**, Environmental; **J. Troy Smith, Jr.**, Business, Corporate; **Thomas E. Stroud, Jr.**, Young Guns; **Allen N. Trask, III**, Young Guns; and **Kenneth R. Wooten**, Construction, Litigation.

**David L. Ward, Jr.** continues to be included in the Legal Elite Hall of Fame.