

# Making a Positive Impact: A Look at Ward and Smith's 2021 Pro Bono Program

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## Ward and Smith attorneys stepped up in a very big way to help North Carolinians in need in 2021.

In total, 36 attorneys committed nearly 702 hours of pro bono legal work in 2021, which is an impressive jump from the 574 hours worked by 24 attorneys in 2020. This increase is due to a number of factors, but is largely driven by attorneys seeking greater opportunities to help serve

their communities. That's according to the firm's Pro Bono Committee Chair, Mary Cavanagh, who provided more than 152 hours of pro bono service last year.

"It is so gratifying to see the enthusiasm with which our attorneys have embraced pro bono work. We hope that this commitment will continue to grow in the years to come as we all work together to make a positive impact in our communities."

Two other Ward and Smith attorneys topped 100 hours of pro bono service last year. Litigator Chris Edwards served pro bono clients with 172 hours of his time, and Creditors' Rights attorney Paul Fanning, 116 hours.

The types of cases that attorneys took on were just as diverse as the clients, with practice areas including intellectual property, landlord-tenant, family, appellate, creditors' rights, and business law.

Attorneys also partnered with several organizations to make a difference in the lives of others, including:

- North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center: nine attorneys participated in the Center's Driver's License Restoration Project
- North Carolina Bar Foundation: a number of attorneys answered telephone calls to provide free legal assistance during the 4ALL Statewide Service Day
- Guardian ad Litem Appellate Pro Bono Program: several attorneys represented the best interests of children in a number of juvenile appeals, most involving termination of parental rights.
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network: an attorney represented an individual before the Board of Immigration Appeals seeking deferral of removal to South Sudan under the Convention Against Torture

### Ward and Smith attorneys who participated in the firm's pro bono program in 2021 :

Whitney Campbell Christensen  
Mary Cavanagh  
Payton Collier  
Richard Crow

Alex Dale  
Angela Doughty  
Chris Edwards  
Paul Fanning  
Justin Hill  
Zac Lamb  
Bill Lathan  
Xavier Lightfoot  
Lance Martin  
Emily Massey  
Kristin Mitcham  
Will Oden  
Grant Osborne  
Erica Rogers  
Tyler Russell  
Joe Schouten  
Troy Smith  
Jordan Spanner  
Joanne Badr Morgan  
Michael Parrish  
Jeannette Parrott  
Allen Trask  
Amy Wang  
Hayley Wells  
Leigh Wilkinson  
Jeremy Wilson  
Devon Williams  
Bill Wolcott  
Thomas Wolff  
Amy Wooten