

# Ward and Smith Attorneys Named to 2022 Business North Carolina Legal Elite

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**Business *North Carolina* has selected several Ward and Smith attorneys for inclusion in its 2022 Legal Elite edition.**

The annual publication lists the state's top lawyers in their respective business-related practices. Fewer than 4% of North Carolina's 28,000 practicing attorneys are recognized. This year, 870 practitioners were selected as Legal Elite, including 21 Ward and Smith attorneys.

The 2022 Legal Elite Recognized are:

**Asheville**



Zac Lamb  
Tax and Estate Planning

**Greenville Office**



Paul Fanning  
Bankruptcy



John Martin  
Litigation

**New Bern**



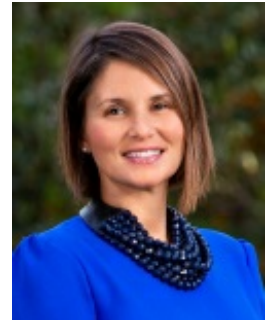
Angela Doughty  
Intellectual Property



Ken Gray  
Employment



Greg Peacock  
Tax and Estate Planning



Lauren Quinn  
Family

**Raleigh**



Steve Long  
Tax and Estate Planning



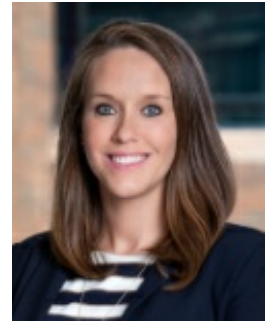
Joe Schouten  
Litigation

Emily Massey  
Employment



Jason Strickland  
Construction

Evan Musselwhite  
Construction



Devon Williams  
Employment

## Wilmington



Alex Dale  
Appellate



Chris Edwards  
Young Guns



Paige Inman  
Family



Will Oden  
Employment



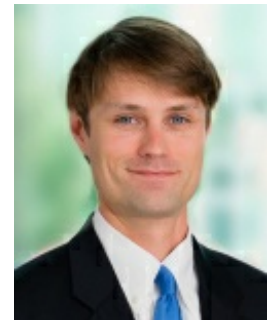
John Sloan  
Tax and Estate Planning



Ryal Tayloe  
Construction



Matt Thompson  
Tax and Estate Planning



Allen Trask  
Litigation

The Legal Elite Hall of Fame includes Jim Creekman (retired), Brad Evans, Amy Wang, and **David Ward** (Counsel Emeritus). This means they received the most votes in a category and are no longer eligible for the annual list.

Members of *Business North Carolina's*  
**Legal Elite Hall of Fame**



**Jim Creekman**  
Retired



**Brad Evans**



**Amy Wang**



**David Ward**  
Counsel Emeritus

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