
Ward and Smith, P.A. Receives 2016 Best Law Firm Rankings

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Ward and Smith received Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 rankings in the 2016 Edition of U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms."

Firms included in the 2016 "Best Law Firms" list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal experience. The 2016 rankings are based on the highest number of participating firms and highest number of client ballots on record. In addition, to provide personal insight, a new Law Firm Leaders Survey was implemented in the decision-making process.

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® incorporated Greenville into the Raleigh metropolitan area and New Bern into the Wilmington metropolitan area. Ward and Smith's metropolitan area offices include Asheville, Raleigh, and Wilmington. Rankings for these cities include:

Metropolitan Tier 1

Asheville

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Litigation — Land Use & Zoning

Raleigh/Greenville

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Employment Law — Management
Labor Law — Management
Litigation — Bankruptcy
Medical Malpractice Law — Plaintiffs
Personal Injury Litigation — Plaintiffs

Wilmington/New Bern

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

Metropolitan Tier 2

Asheville

Land Use & Zoning Law

Raleigh/Greenville

Banking and Finance Law

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Law

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Tax Law

Technology Law

Trusts & Estates Law

Wilmington/New Bern

Litigation — Labor & Employment

Personal Injury Litigation — Plaintiffs

Trusts & Estates Law

Metropolitan Tier 3**Asheville**

Family Law

Raleigh/Greenville

Arbitration

Family Law

Mediation

Venture Capital Law

Workers' Compensation Law — Employers

Wilmington/New Bern

Litigation — Real Estate