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# Ward and Smith, P.A. Receives 2017 Best Law Firm Rankings

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Ward and Smith, P.A. received Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 rankings in the 2017 Edition of U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms."

Firms included in the 2017 "Best Law Firms" list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

The 2017 rankings are based on the highest number of participating firms and highest number of client ballots on record. To be eligible for a ranking, a firm must have a lawyer listed in The Best Lawyers in America, which recognizes the top four percent of practicing attorneys in the U.S.

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**

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment Law - Management  
Labor Law - Management  
Litigation - Bankruptcy  
Litigation - Construction  
Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs  
Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs  
Trusts & Estates Law

### **Wilmington-NC**

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**

Banking and Finance Law  
Corporate Law  
Tax Law  
Technology Law

### **Wilmington-NC**

Construction Law  
Litigation - Labor & Employment  
Litigation - Real Estate  
Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs  
Trusts & Estates Law

## **Metropolitan Tier 3**

### **Asheville**

Family Law

### **Raleigh**

Arbitration  
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law  
Family Law  
Mediation  
Venture Capital Law  
Workers' Compensation Law - Employers