

Ward and Smith Ranked in 2024 'Best Law Firms'

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Ward and Smith has been ranked in the Best Lawyers® 'Best Law Firms' list regionally in 27 practice areas.

Firms included in the 2024 "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 2024 edition of the prestigious legal guide includes rankings in 75 national practice areas and 127 metropolitan-based practice areas. Ranked firms, presented in tiers, are listed on a national and/or metropolitan scale. Receiving a tier designation reflects the high level of respect a firm has earned among other leading lawyers and clients in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

Ward and Smith received the following rankings in the 2024 'Best Law Firms':

Asheville

Regional Tier 1

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Banking & Finance
- Real Estate Law

Regional Tier 2

- Banking and Finance Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Family Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Raleigh

Regional Tier 1

- Antitrust Law

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Family Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction
- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Regional Tier 2

- Banking and Finance Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Health Care Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trademark Law

Regional Tier 3

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Copyright Law

Wilmington

Regional Tier 1

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates
- Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Regional Tier 2

- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Care Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

The Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in the field, and review of

additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. To be eligible for a 2024 ranking, a law firm must have at least one lawyer recognized in the 14th edition of The Best Lawyers in America[®] list for that particular location and specialty.