

## Ward and Smith Recognized as a 2019 'Best Law Firm'

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**For the ninth year, U.S. News – Best Lawyers® has recognized Ward and Smith in its 2019 'Best Law Firms' edition.**

The annual publication honors firms for professional excellence with persistently impressive reviews from clients and peers. Rankings are presented in tiers, which signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise, and then listed on a national or a metropolitan scale. 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 was ranked in 32 practice areas in the 2019 guide.

### **Asheville**

#### Tier 1

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law  
Litigation-Land Use & Zoning  
Real Estate Law

#### Tier 2

Family Law  
Land Use & Zoning Law

### **Raleigh**

#### Tier 1

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Commercial Litigation

Employment Law-Management

Labor Law - Management

Litigation-Bankruptcy

Medical Malpractice Law-Plaintiffs

Patent Law

Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs

### Tier 2

Banking and Finance Law

Corporate Law

Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Family Law

Litigation-Construction

Real Estate Law

Technology Law

Trusts & Estates Law

Venture Capital Law

### Tier 3

Biotechnology Law

Litigation-Labor & Employment

Securities / Capital Markets Law

Tax Law

## **Wilmington**

### Tier 1

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

Trusts & Estates Law

### Tier 2

Arbitration

Construction Law

Litigation-Labor & Employment

Litigation-Real Estate

Mediation

Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs

Workers' Compensation Law-Employers

In order to be eligible for a ranking, a firm must have a lawyer listed in The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, which recognizes the top four percent of practicing attorneys in the United States. For the 2019 edition, 44 Ward and Smith attorneys were selected. More information on the "Best Law Firms" methodology can be found [here](#).

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