

Ward and Smith Recognized as a 2021 "Best Law Firm" by Best Lawyers®

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U.S. News – Best Lawyers® has selected Ward and Smith for inclusion in its 2021 "Best Law Firms."

Now in its 11th year, this annual publication recognizes 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.

The prestigious guide recognized more than 20 of the firm's practice areas.

Asheville

Tier 1

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Real Estate Law

Tier 2

- Family Law

- Trusts & Estates Law

Raleigh

Tier 1

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

Tier 2

- Banking and Finance Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Tier 3

- Corporate Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law

Wilmington

Tier 1

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Tier 2

- Environmental Law
- Health Care Law
- International Trade and Finance Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

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 United States. The 2021 rankings are based on the highest lawyer and firm participation on record, incorporating 8.3 million evaluations of more than 110,000 individual leading lawyers from more than 22,000 firms. More information on the "Best Law Firms" methodology can be found [here](#).

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