

Ward and Smith's Co-Managing Directors Recognized as NC Lawyers Weekly 2024 Managing Partners to Watch

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For the second consecutive year, Brad Evans and Devon Williams, Ward and Smith's Co-Managing Directors, have been selected for inclusion in the 2024 Managing Partners to Watch list by *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*.

This recognition highlights managing partners who excel in growing revenue, retaining talent, fostering community engagement, and achieving significant milestones. Brad and Devon are among 20 legal professionals featured in this year's issue, showcasing their leadership and achievements.

Key Milestones Under Their Leadership

Under the joint leadership of Brad and Devon, Ward and Smith has achieved remarkable milestones. The firm expanded to 100 lawyers for the first time in its history, reflecting their focus on sustainable growth. In 2020, they introduced a staff internship program to build a strong talent pipeline, showcasing their innovative approach to recruitment and retention.



Brad Evans: Driving Culture and Strategy Litigation attorney

Brad, based in Greenville, is known for turning big ideas into actionable plans and fostering a unique, supportive workplace culture. His leadership inspires teamwork and aligns the firm with common goals.

Beyond his managerial role, Brad is a skilled civil litigation attorney who handles intellectual property disputes, as well as commercial, business, estate, and professional licensing cases. In 2023, he was inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates for his outstanding contributions to the profession.

You can read Brad's profile in the latest issue on page 27 (behind the payroll).



Devon Williams: Bridging Generations in the Workplace

Labor and employment attorney

Devon, based in Raleigh, is celebrated for creating an inclusive and collaborative work environment. She bridges generational gaps within the firm and fosters strong team connections.

In addition to her leadership role, Devon is a trusted advisor in employment law. She counsels executives and business leaders on navigating complex federal and state requirements, helping them improve workplace relations and avoid costly litigation. As a member of the firm's hemp law practice group, she also helps businesses navigate industry-specific labor laws.

You can read Devon's profile on page 32 (behind the paywall) in the latest issue.

View the full Managing Partners to Watch in the November 2024 issue of *NC Lawyers Weekly*.

