



Our Family Law Practice serves individuals in eastern North Carolina and throughout the state. Our attorneys, with the assistance of local counsel, also represent clients in family law matters throughout the United States. We offer a broad range of family law legal services, including representation in preparation of premarital and postmarital agreements, separation and property settlement agreements, adoptions, divorce, negotiation and mediation of equitable distribution litigation, child custody and support, and alimony claims.

We frequently represent individuals in complex equitable distribution cases, often involving substantial assets. Such assets may include ownership interests in valuable real estate and business entities, such as corporations and partnerships. In these types of cases we work directly with real estate appraisers and business valuation experts to assist us in making appropriate recommendations to our client.

Our attorneys also represent clients in alienation of affections and criminal conversation litigation, both in the prosecution of claims against responsible parties and the defense of such claims.

Ward and Smith, P.A.'s Family Law attorneys have excellent and broad trial skills and practical experience that is enhanced by active involvement in professional organizations, including the Family Law Sections of the American and North Carolina Bar Associations, American Association for Justice, and North Carolina Advocates for Justice. Our attorneys understand the impact state and federal laws and other complex issues will have on the divorce process and outcome. As part of our commitment to provide superior service to our clients, we draw on the experience of attorneys in the Business, Real Estate, Tax, and Trusts and Estates Practice Groups to advise clients in matters involving the restructure of businesses, tax consequences of financial restructuring, disposition of pension assets, transfer of real property, and new estate planning.

As a full-service law firm using the latest technological advances, members of the Ward and Smith Family Law Practice Group effectively counsel clients in all types of situations, from the routine to the very complex. Most importantly, our attorneys have the compassion, experience, personal skills, and dedication to counsel clients effectively through distressing and difficult situations.