



Perhaps you or a family member were seriously injured. Perhaps a loved one lost his or her life. It's hard to know what to do and where to get help. We know, because we've been there with more than a thousand clients, dealing with everything from auto accidents to nursing home deaths.

When you're facing a catastrophic personal injury or the loss of a loved one, you have the right to fierce, knowledgeable advocates who will listen to you, work to find the truth, and seek justice for you and your family. You have the right to allies who understand what you're going through and can help.

Ward and Smith's personal injury attorneys have been representing victims and victims' families in cases involving traumatic brain injury (TBI), paralysis, wrongful death, and other injuries for decades.

We believe victims and their families are entitled to the full compensation they're owed under our legal system. We've pursued that belief all the way to jury trials more than 150 times, winning favorable decisions for clients. We'll pursue it for you, too.

The results? Medical bills paid. Lost wages restored. Families compensated. Wrongs made right. Justice done.

How Ward and Smith fights for clients

Our personal injury attorneys are active in every phase of litigation, from the initial investigation and discovery through negotiated settlements and jury trials. Our clients benefit from the team approach we take to every individual case, to achieve the best possible result and make the process as easy as possible for clients.

We've represented more than a thousand clients in North Carolina. With the assistance of lawyers in other jurisdictions, we've also represented North Carolinians who were injured in other states and even other countries (including Aruba, Tortola, Canada, and Belgium).

We have resources that few other personal injury law firms can match. Those include:

- The resources to conduct investigations, hire experts, and argue a case in the most powerful way possible.
- A multi-disciplinary support team that includes licensed paralegals, certified litigation technology specialists and support staff available whenever needed.
- A deep bench of personal injury and litigation attorneys that allows us to manage multiple cases at once, and pick the right attorney to lead the effort on your case.
- A commitment to always being responsive to our clients, including traveling to meet them in person whenever or wherever we are needed.
- The backing of a multi-specialty law firm, so your attorney can call on other lawyers to help you wade through insurance and Medicare claims, manage estate issues or deal with other legal matters.
- Our approach combines extensive resources with personal attention. The goal is to tell your story in the most powerful way to the jury, to ensure you get the results you deserve.

We never lose sight of the victims and families we represent. Our mission is to make sure you're treated fairly and get the answers, compensation and the justice you deserve.

Experienced in many types of cases

We have worked with clients in a broad range of cases, helping clients receive compensation for negligence and harm that resulted in brain injury, paralysis, long-term disability, and wrongful death.

We routinely handle cases involving:

- **Auto accidents:** After you've been involved in an accident, it might seem easy to sign the first piece of paper an insurance company hands you. However, it may be in your best interest to first find an attorney to help you understand all your rights and options.
- **Truck/18-wheeler accidents:** Our highways and roads are crowded with more vehicles than ever before. This congestion can contribute to a greater risk of being involved in an accident with a big truck, 18-wheeler, tractor trailer, or other large vehicle. From a legal standpoint, these accidents are often different than routine car accidents, so you should understand your rights.
- **Marine, water-related, and other transportation accidents:** Accidents involving boats and jet-skis (admiralty law), as well as those involving all-terrain vehicles may encompass federal as well as state statutes. Product liability law can also be a factor. Don't navigate the legal issues related to these accidents alone.
- **Medical malpractice:** All of us trust health care facilities and physicians with sensitive and vital health care matters. The consequences of negligence can be severe for individuals and families. If you think a mistake was made in your care or the care of a loved one, call an attorney.
- **Premises liability:** If you were injured on someone else's property you should know your rights. We can investigate the circumstances and explain your choices. You may be owed compensation for your injuries.
- **Nursing home injury and death claims:** Facilities that care for the elderly and disabled, including rest homes and assisted living facilities, must uphold specific standards of care. If they fail to do so, injury and death can sometimes result. When these tragic events occur, we know how to navigate the management and regulatory agencies to get the answers that your loved one deserves.
- **Product liability cases:** If you became ill, were injured, or were otherwise harmed as a result of using a product that should have been safe, call a lawyer. From everyday consumer products to drugs and medical devices, manufacturers have legal obligations related to the safety of their products.
- **Other accidents and injuries:** There are many other circumstances that can lead to serious harm. These include: Firearm injuries and death, spring break and vacation accidents, dog bites, other animal attacks, and more. If you or a loved one has been hurt, you may be due compensation.

Ready to defend your rights

Whether you or a loved one were the victim, you deserve to understand what your options are and what compensation you may be owed under the law. Serious injuries are not only traumatic, but can impose major long-term medical costs, lead to lost wages or disability, and have other hard-to-predict impacts.

Don't face it alone. The attorneys at Ward and Smith are here to help. Call us at (800) 998-1102.