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## SMITH ANDERSON PARTNER CHRISTOPHER G. SMITH NAMED CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF THE N.C. CHAMBER LEGAL INSTITUTE

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**Raleigh, N.C.** – Smith Anderson partner Christopher G. Smith has been named chair of the board of the newly established North Carolina Chamber Legal Institute. The Legal Institute will provide a vehicle to protect policy and legislative wins in the state and federal courts.

The Legal Institute will serve three main functions: provide nonpartisan analysis of North Carolina's legal environment and legal system to identify improvements to enhance the business climate; inform the business community and general public by publishing the results of those activities; and participate in important civil litigation through submission of Amicus Curiae briefs and participation as a party in litigation where appropriate.

“As an active member of the North Carolina Chamber board of directors, Chris has consistently been a resource on policy and legislative matters and how they can impact the legal climate for business competitiveness,” said Gary Salamido, vice president of government affairs at the North Carolina Chamber and president of the North Carolina Chamber Legal Institute. “Through that work, it became clear that the business community must be prepared to engage in legal activities to protect job creation and retention. A predictable legal environment and legal system is critical to long-term, sustained economic growth, and Chris is the right person to lead our board as we launch this new capacity.”

Chris leads Smith Anderson's Commercial Litigation Team. He is a trial and appellate lawyer who manages large multi-party and multi-jurisdiction litigation projects. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Chamber and also as a member of the Board of Directors of M&F Bank (formerly Mechanics and Farmers Bank). He works with business groups and government officials on initiatives to improve the quality and efficiency of the administration of justice in North Carolina and on policy and legislative matters affecting the business legal climate in the state. For more information on Chris' practice, visit his [bio](#).

For more information about Smith Anderson, visit [www.smithlaw.com](http://www.smithlaw.com). For more information about the North Carolina Chamber, visit [www.ncchamber.net](http://www.ncchamber.net).

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Founded in 1912, Smith Anderson has grown to become the largest business and litigation law firm headquartered in the Research Triangle region and one of the largest in North Carolina. We provide a full range of legal services to a diverse and dynamic group of regional, national and international companies. Over 100 years of practicing law has grounded our Firm's culture, informed our perspective, and provided us the insight

necessary to help our clients succeed. Over time, our core principles have remained unchanged. We remain personally dedicated to the success, prosperity and betterment of our clients and the communities we serve. For more information, please visit [www.SmithLaw.com](http://www.SmithLaw.com).

#### **About the North Carolina Chamber**

The North Carolina Chamber is a nonpartisan business advocacy organization that works in the legislative, regulatory and political arenas to proactively drive positive change to ensure that North Carolina is a leading place in the world to do business. Strengthening the state's ability to attract, keep and grow jobs is the Chamber's highest priority. Central to that effort are four "Pillars of a Secure Future" for North Carolina, which include Education and Talent Supply, Business Climate, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Infrastructure and Growth Leadership. For more information, visit [www.ncchamber.net](http://www.ncchamber.net).

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