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SIX SMITH ANDERSON ATTORNEYS RECEIVE 2013 'LAWYER OF THE YEAR' DISTINCTION

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RALEIGH, N.C. – Today Smith Anderson announces that six of its lawyers received the prestigious distinction of *Best Lawyers*® 2013 “Lawyer of the Year.” This recognition is in addition to each attorney’s prior selection as The Best Lawyers in America for the publication’s 2013 list.

- **Julian D. Bobbitt, Jr.**, 2013 Raleigh Health Care Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- **Byron B. Kirkland**, 2013 Raleigh Mergers & Acquisitions Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- **Kimberly J. Korando**, 2013 Raleigh Labor Law - Management "Lawyer of the Year"
- **Caryn Coppedge McNeill**, 2013 Raleigh Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- **Carl N. Patterson, Jr.**, 2013 Raleigh Litigation - Securities "Lawyer of the Year"
- **Gerald F. Roach**, 2013 Raleigh Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Through an extensive peer-review process, Best Lawyers identifies only one lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area to be honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” Other Smith Anderson attorneys who have been members of this distinguished group of professionals include Marks Arnold, partner; Chris Capel, partner; John Jernigan, chairman; Byron Kirkland, partner; Tim Lehan, partner; Steve Mason, partner; and Lacy Reaves, partner.

“We are honored to be recognized by our peers, and grateful to our clients for their trust and confidence,” said John Jernigan, Chairman of Smith Anderson. “We are thankful to have the benefit of 100 years of service to our clients, our community and our profession.”

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The nineteenth edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2013) includes 50,178 attorneys in 128 practice areas, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Those receiving this honor have earned a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism and integrity.

About Smith Anderson

Founded in 1912, Smith Anderson celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Since its inception, Smith Anderson has grown to become the largest Raleigh-based law firm, and one of the largest in North Carolina. The Firm represents a diverse and dynamic group of local, national and international clients. Smith Anderson has a rich tradition of professional and public service, and our lawyers and staff remain dedicated to the principles of professionalism, excellence and service to our clients and community. For more information, visit www.smithlaw.com.

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About Best Lawyers

Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 36,000 leading attorneys cast almost 4.4 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor.

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