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U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

Raleigh, NC (November 18, 2011) – In the second annual *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* “Best Law Firm” rankings, Smith Anderson was recognized with 22 first tier placements and nine second tier rankings. Additionally, the firm was honored in the National Rankings category for the first time for two of its practice areas: Litigation – Labor & Employment Law and Venture Capital Law. Smith Anderson received Raleigh’s only first tier rankings in “Mergers and Acquisitions,” “Securities/Capital Markets,” and “Securities Regulation,” and was the only law firm in Raleigh to achieve a ranking in the “Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions” category.

Carl Patterson, Managing Partner of Smith Anderson, states, “We are honored that our firm has received this recognition. Because *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* relies heavily on client and peer feedback when determining these rankings, it is particularly rewarding to have been ranked so prominently.”

Metropolitan Rankings (Raleigh)

Tier 1

- Administrative/Regulatory Law
- Banking & Finance Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law – Individuals
- Environmental Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Health Care Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation – Mergers & Acquisitions
- Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Mergers & Acquisitions

- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Real Estate Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estate Law
- Venture Capital Law

Tier 2

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Biotechnology Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor & Employment
- Litigation – Securities
- Litigation – Trusts & Estates

The *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms” rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. For more information, please visit <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/>.

PRACTICE AREAS

Construction & Infrastructure

Corporate and Syndicated Finance

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Employment Litigation

Government Relations

Land Use and Zoning

Mergers and Acquisitions

Product Liability



Public Companies

Tax

Trusts and Estates

Venture Capital

INDUSTRIES

Life Sciences

Private Equity

