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### SMITH ANDERSON PARTNER, MERRILL M. MASON, HONORED AT THE 21ST ANNUAL CED *ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS*

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On June 12th in front of over 400 invited guests, Smith Anderson partner [Merrill M. Mason](#) received an Entrepreneurial Excellence Award from the Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) for *Outstanding Service to Entrepreneurs*.

Held annually for the past 21 years, CED's Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards gala recognizes outstanding individuals and companies for their entrepreneurial achievements and celebrates the sector's positive economic impact to North Carolina.

Other individuals and companies honored last night received awards for Entrepreneurial Excellence, Community Impact, Deal of the Year (Public Company), Deal of the Year (Private Company), Growth Company of the Year, Spin-Out of the Year, and FastTrac Tech Company of the Year.

The award given to Mr. Mason recognizes his over 20 years of service to the entrepreneurial community. A corporate lawyer, he primarily represents emerging and entrepreneurial companies and focuses his practice on venture capital; securities; mergers and acquisitions; intellectual property; and general corporate matters. Passionate about working with developing entrepreneurs and law students, Mr. Mason serves as an adjunct instructor at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School and the University of North Carolina School of Law.

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