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NATIONAL RANKINGS GUIDE RECOGNIZES SMITH ANDERSON'S ENVIRONMENT AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND SEVEN ATTORNEYS

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In its 2017 edition, *Chambers USA*, a prominent ranking agency for law firms and lawyers, has recognized Smith Anderson's Environment and Real Estate Development practices as leading practices in North Carolina and listed seven Smith Anderson real estate development and environmental lawyers as among the leading lawyers in the State. The real estate development and environment lawyers ranked are: Environment - **David Berry** and **Steve Parascandola**; Real Estate - **Francis Bagbey**, **C. Steven Mason**, **Mike Thornton**, **Allen York**; Real Estate Finance - **C. Steven Mason**; and Zoning/Land Use – **Lacy Reaves**.

For the fourth consecutive year, Lacy Reaves is honored with the prestigious "Star Individual" rating for receiving exceptional recommendations in the field of Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use law. This is the highest and rarest ranking an individual is awarded by *Chambers USA*. The 2017 guide describes Lacy as "a leading light at the North Carolina zoning and land use Bar." Clients confirm that "it is no secret that he is the best for this work in Raleigh. He's going to be the first person on the list every time." He also attracts praise for the "very good demeanor" he brings to his practice.

More than 25 lawyers strong, the firm's real estate development team can counsel clients through every stage of a project, from project concept and development to completion and has been involved in many of North Carolina's largest and most significant real estate developments – both public and private projects – including major mixed-use, office, manufacturing, multi-family, retail, natural resource, infrastructure and public utility projects.

Each year, *Chambers USA* publishes its national guide ranking law firms and lawyers based on independent research obtained from clients, peers and members of the business community. In addition to Real Estate, *Chambers USA* 2017 honored Smith Anderson with recognition in the following practice categories: Corporate/ Mergers & Acquisitions, Banking & Finance, Labor & Employment, Litigation: General Commercial and Intellectual Property.

Throughout the research process, *Chambers USA* speaks with clients and peers who evaluate our firm. For more information, please visit <https://www.chambersandpartners.com/guide/usa/5>.

PROFESSIONALS

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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Real Estate

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