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Ward Black Law Ranked First Tier in U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

Greensboro, NC (November 1, 2011) — Ward Black Law, a personal injury firm located in Greensboro, NC, has been ranked Tier 1 by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs and Defendants.

U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers*® have released the 2011-2012 “Best Law Firms” rankings, marking the second edition of this highly-anticipated annual analysis.

The national first-tier rankings will be featured in *U.S. News & World Report’s* Money issue, on newsstands November 15, 2011; the national and metropolitan first-tier rankings are featured in the “Best Law Firms” standalone publication, which is being distributed to 30,000 general counsel and in digital format to 58,000 private practice lawyers worldwide; the rankings in their entirety are posted online at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com>. Selection criteria used can be seen at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/methodology.aspx>.

Ward Black Law’s president, Janet Ward Black, was also recently selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/ White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.) in the areas of personal injury and mass tort litigation.

The “Best Law Firms” rankings, which are presented in tiers, showcase 9,633 different law firms ranked nationally in one or more of 75 major legal practice areas and in metropolitan or state rankings in one or more of 119 major legal practice areas. Full data for the law firms that received rankings is available online, from the largest firms in the country to hundreds of one-person and two-person law firms, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.

The mission of “Best Law Firms” from the start has been to help guide referring lawyers and clients – from the country’s largest companies needing corporate legal advice to individuals needing to get a divorce or write a will – issues that have a bet-the-company implication (in the case of a corporation) or a potentially life-changing result (in the case of an individual).

In addition to the firm’s reputation in the legal arena, Ward Black Law is an active member of the community, participating in community service projects such as “Tools for Schools” and “Toys for Tots.” Members of the firm have sponsored more than a dozen employees to participate in international mission trips to Central America, and, as Greensboro’s largest woman-owned law

firm, Ward Black Law is also proud to be a Silver Sponsor of the 2011 Women to Women celebration. Women to Women is Greensboro's first permanent grant-making endowment to engage women in impacting the lives of women and their families in the community.

Most recently, Carolina Parent magazine named Ward Black Law as a "2011 North Carolina Family-Friendly" 50 company. Carolina Parenting Inc., the publisher of *Carolina Parent*, *Piedmont Parent* and *Charlotte Parent* magazines, compiles the list every year to recognize North Carolina companies that exemplify forward-thinking policies and philosophies that support working parents.

Ward Black Law also handles workers' compensation, social security disability and defective products litigation. If you would like more information about Ward Black Law, its lawyers or services, visit <http://www.wardblacklaw.com> or call toll-free at 1-800-531-9191.

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