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## Twelve Shumaker Attorneys Named to 2026 North Carolina Legal Elite by *Business* North Carolina

**CHARLOTTE, NC** — Twelve lawyers from Shumaker's Charlotte office have been selected as part of the 2026 Legal Elite in North Carolina by *Business North Carolina*. The North Carolina Legal Elite list honors the state's top lawyers as chosen by their peers. Out of more than 30,000 attorneys regulated by the North Carolina State Bar, fewer than 1,100 are designated as Legal Elite.

### INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &  
Insurance  
Real Estate, Construction &  
Development  
Technology

### SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax & Transactions  
Intellectual Property  
Labor & Employment  
Litigation & Disputes  
Real Estate, Construction &  
Development

### RELATED PROFESSIONALS

Trey Baker  
Ronald D.P. Bruckmann  
Rhett N. Butler  
Philip S. Chubb  
Andrew S. Culicerto  
Lucas D. Garber  
Patrick B. Horne  
Warren P. Kean  
S. Alex Long, Jr.  
Joseph J. Santaniello  
Frederick M. Thurman, Jr.  
Christina Davidson Trimmer

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Shumaker attorneys in nine practice area categories were recognized in addition to Rhett N. Butler's designation as a Young Gun, which identifies lawyers under the age of 40 who are considered by their peers to be rising stars.

Congratulations to the following on their recognition:

- Trey Baker – Real Estate
- Ronald D. P. Bruckmann – Bankruptcy
- Rhett N. Butler – Young Guns
- Philip S. Chubb – Business

- Andrew S. Culicerto – Construction
- Lucas D. Garber – Litigation
- Patrick B. Horne – Intellectual Property
- Warren P. Kean – Tax & Estate Planning
- Alex Long Jr. – Intellectual Property
- Joseph J. Santaniello – Corporate
- Frederick M. Thurman Jr. – Employment
- Christina Davidson Trimmer – Intellectual Property