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NEWS RELEASE

WRVB Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year” for Roanoke and Norfolk

When Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black (WRVB) began operating as a merged firm in July 2022, it was a natural fit for two prestigious Virginia firms. From the beginning, Daniel Summerlin, WRVB President said, “Mutual respect, cooperation, community leadership, and an unwavering dedication to client service are deeply rooted traits our firms have in common.”

Demonstrating the new firm’s deep legal experience and commitment to their profession, ten attorneys from Roanoke, Lynchburg (included in the Roanoke metro area list), and Norfolk were named “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers in America®.

Norfolk, VA

- **Christopher Ambrosio**

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

- **Anne G. Bibeau**

Employment Law – Management

- **Mark T. Coberly**

Transportation Law

- **Edward J. Powers**

Admiralty and Maritime Law

- **Adam S. Rafal**

Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

- **Michael L. Sterling**

Construction Law

Roanoke, VA

- **S. Henry (Hank) Creasy**

Health Law

- **Matthew P. Pritts**

Railroad Law

- **Alexander I. Saunders**

Tax Law

Trusts and Estates

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- **King F. Tower**

Employment Law – Management

Labor Law – Management

Other acknowledgments given to WRVB attorneys include listings in *Best Lawyers of America* and “Ones to Watch.”

Best Lawyers lists are compiled based on an exhaustive evaluation. Attorneys are reviewed by their peers based on professional expertise and undergo an authentication process to ensure they are in current practice and in “good standing.” “Lawyer of the Year” is awarded to individual lawyers with the highest overall peer feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. Lawyers are not required nor allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor.

About Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC

Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black is the combination of two respected Virginia law firms, Woods Rogers and Vandeventer Black. The new firm is based on the principles of mutual respect, community leadership, and unwavering dedication to client service.