

NORTH CAROLINA LEADERS IN THE LAW 2024

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As head of fund finance, co-chair of Cadwalader's finance group and a member of the firm's Management Committee, Wes Misson is making an impact on the world of finance. Over the past two years, he has advised more than 40 banks as lead or syndicate lender in transactions valued at over \$200 billion in terms of lender commitments. In 2023, he received the Fund Finance Association's Annual Contribution to the Industry Award and was named a Most Effective Deal-Maker as part of the 2023 ALM Southeastern Awards.

Childhood dreams: I wanted to play quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys. It seemed like Troy Aikman had a pretty good gig in the early '90s.

Biggest accomplishment: Building my business from a two-lawyer start-up to now an 85-lawyer team within America's oldest Wall Street law firm. It's a legacy that will last and be handed down to future generations of lawyers.

Advice for aspiring lawyers: Be humble, hardworking, reliable and responsive.

Work-life balance: This career can be all-consuming. You need to take control of your life and always find a way to put your health and your family first.