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## **Kluttz Reamer Attorney Named Educational Achievement Advocate by NCAJ**

Michael S. Adkins, a partner in the Kluttz Reamer law firm of Salisbury, has been recognized by the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ) as an advocate in its Educational Achievement Program (EAP).

The NCAJ is a nonpartisan association of more than 4,000 legal professionals dedicated to protecting people's rights through community, education and advocacy. Adkins serves on the education, legislative affairs and legal affairs committees and the executive committee for the autotorts section with the North Carolina Advocates for Justice.

Adkins received his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law and has 23 years of experience practicing law in Rowan County. He joined Kluttz Reamer as a partner in 2005. His areas of practice include: Civil Litigation, State Criminal Law, Personal Injury, and Traffic Law.

He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, the Rowan County Bar Association, where he has served as president; and the American Advocates for Justice. He also works or has served on the board of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Pregnancy Support Center, the Courthouse Security Committee, the East Rowan Boosters Club and the Gideons. Recently, he was also recognized as a Top Rated Litigation Lawyer by The Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings.™ Martindale-Hubbell is an objective indicator of a lawyer's high ethical standards and professional ability, generated from evaluations of lawyers by other members of the bar and the judiciary in the United States and Canada.

Adkins and his wife, Cindy, have two grown children, Nick and Lydia. He is a member of Wyatt's Grove Baptist Church, where he serves as church moderator and as a member of the Board of Deacons.

Kluttz Reamer is one of the oldest continuously operating law firms in North Carolina and maintains Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for legal ability and ethical conduct. Kluttz Reamer, as currently constituted, dates back to 1954 when Clarence

Kluttz and Lewis Hamlin took over the Salisbury office of Craig and Craig, a firm that originated in Rowan County in the 1830s. Other partners are Randy Reamer, senior partner; Glenn Hayes, and Jeremy Carter. The firm's 10 attorneys regularly practice in the District and Superior Courts of Rowan, Cabarrus, Iredell, Davie, Stanly and Davidson counties, as well as the U.S. District Courts in the Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina.

Kluttz Reamer's areas of practice include Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Estate and Trust Planning and Administration; Civil Litigation, State Criminal Defense, Federal Criminal Defense, Family Law, Bankruptcy, Business Law, Traffic Law, Commercial Real Estate, and Collections.

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