**RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**April 12, 2021**

The GBA Awards Committee hereby recommends that the Greensboro Bar Association present its annual Distinguished Service Award to **Alan Duncan**.

Alan Duncan is a member of the law firm Mullins Duncan Harrell and Russell PLLC and was with the law firm Smith Moore Leatherwood and its predecessor firms going back to 1979. He received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College in 1976 and his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1979.

Respected as one of the best lawyers in North Carolina, Alan has achieved significant distinctions in his profession and his community. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is recognized as one of the “Top 10” lawyers by North Carolina Super Lawyers. The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward/White Inc.) lists Alan in eight categories, including Bet-the-Company litigation. Alan was recently recognized by Business North Carolina magazine on its Legal Elite list, a listing of the state’s top lawyers in business-related categories.  Alan was included on the Antitrust listing for 2020. Chambers and Partners USA recently [recognized](https://chambers.com/department/turning-point-litigation-mullins-duncan-pllc-litigation-general-commercial-usa-5:228:12829:1:22755234) Alan, rating him in “Band 1” for general commercial litigation in North Carolina. In 2011, the Litigation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association awarded to Alan the Advocate’s Award, which is its highest honor. He is a past chair of the Litigation Section. In 2008, he was awarded the J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence, the highest honor given to a member by the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. Alan is a Past President and board member of the North Carolina Bar Association and Past President of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

His service to the community is unparalleled. In 2020, he received the Thomas Z. Osborne Distinguished Citizen Award from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, which honors a resident who has demonstrated extraordinary community service and achievement. He served on the Guilford County Board of Education for 18 years (16 as Chair).  He is presently serving as Vice-Chair of the North Carolina Board of Education, and on several other education-related boards and task forces.  In 2012 and in recognition of his leadership and commitment to community, Alan received the “Unsung Hero” award from the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation.   In 2015, he was awarded the Lake Family Award for service to the profession and community by the North Carolina Bar Association.