

# 2014 CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

FRAMING YOUR BUSINESS FOR THE FUTURE

## AGENDA

- 7:30 a.m.**      **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m.**      **Welcome**  
William S. Durr, *Ward and Smith, P.A.*
- 8:05 a.m.**      **The Construction Industry in Western North Carolina –  
An Economic Update**  
Tom Tveidt, Research Economist, *SYNEVA Economics*
- 9:00 a.m.**      **Getting Paid for Your Work: The Lien Law and Beyond**  
M. Charles Cloninger, *Ward and Smith, P.A.*  
Merrill G. Jones, II, *Ward and Smith, P.A.*  
Lance P. Martin, *Ward and Smith, P.A.*
- 9:45 a.m.**      **Break**
- 9:55 a.m.**      **How to Retain Key Employees**  
Rendi L. Mann-Stadt, *Ward and Smith, P.A.*  
Michael L. Miller, *Ward and Smith, P.A.*
- 11:15 a.m.**      **Keynote Address**  
**The Commercial Construction Experience from the  
Owner's Perspective**  
Stan Cooper, Co-Manager, *Sierra Nevada, Mills River*  
Gary Fowler, Vice President, *Modern Building*
- 11:45 a.m.**      **Carolinas Association of General Contractors**  
Dave Simpson, Director, North Carolina Government  
Relations and Building, *CAGC*
- 12:00 p.m.**      **Conclusion and Adjourn**



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