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## Smith named American Bankruptcy Institute 2017 "40 Under 40" honoree

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Moore & Van Allen PLLC is pleased to announce that Charlotte Bankruptcy Member and Team Leader Zachary H. Smith was named to the American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) 2017 "40 Under 40" list, which recognizes 40 top restructuring professionals nationwide under the age of 40. Honorees were selected by a 10-member steering committee of ABI leaders from nearly 200 candidates and will be recognized at a special awards luncheon during ABI's 2017 Winter Leadership Conference, taking place Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 at the La Quinta Resort & Club in Palm Springs, California.

"We are pleased that the American Bankruptcy Institute has chosen to honor Zach this year, and recognize the knowledge he brings to clients and the leadership he provides at our firm," stated Firm Chairman Ernie Reigel.

The 2017 "40 Under 40" honorees were chosen from both large and small firms from every region of the country, and represent diverse practice areas such as law, finance, consulting, academia, government and more. As stated by ABI, "the goal of ABI's '40 Under 40' initiative is not simply to create a one-time ceremony, but to fully engage those selected as future leaders in the insolvency profession and to build on the initiative each year."

Smith concentrates his practice in the areas of distressed situations and bankruptcy, representing lenders, investors, special situation funds, debtors and other stakeholders in in-court and out-of-court restructurings, including complex restructuring matters pertaining to Puerto Rico. Smith is a senior lecturing fellow at Duke Law School, a lecturer in law at Boston University School of Law, an advisory board member of the ABI's annual Caribbean Insolvency Symposium, and a frequent author and panelist on bankruptcy matters.

A complete list of the ABI's 2017 "40 Under 40" honorees can be seen in ABI's press release here and at <http://abi40under40.org/honorees>.