

# John Bruton Named to Columbia Business Monthly "Best and Brightest 35 and Under" List

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## News from Maynard Nexsen

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Nexsen Pruet's John Bruton, an associate with the firm's real estate practice group, has been selected to *Columbia Business Monthly's* "Best & Brightest 35 and Under" list.

**"John is a noteworthy leader dedicated to his work and community" says Office Managing Partner Nikole Mergo . "We are thrilled he is being recognized for his professional success, achievements, and community efforts and are excited to cheer him on as he continues to grow as a lawyer and a leader."**

*According to Columbia Business Monthly, "Best & Brightest 35 and Under celebrates the women and men who are rising stars in the business community. Even though they have many more years in the workplace, the Best & Brightest have made an impact at their businesses and in our community. We applaud their business success and their achievements as active members of the community."*

## Excerpt on John Bruton

Born and raised in Columbia, I am grateful to still call the Midlands home. With all of its nice and talented people, Columbia is a great place to live. It is inspiring to be surrounded by colleagues and friends who are involved in the promotion and success of our community. For the past seven years, I have worked at the Nexsen Pruet law firm with a wonderful team of mentors, colleagues and staff members. Though just a small cog in a large machine, I have been fortunate to work on some major business, corporate and real estate transactions.

Giving back to the community is an important goal. I recently participated in the Leadership Columbia program, which was a great experience that I am proud to have been involved with. Our leadership class had the privilege of assisting Palmetto Place, which provides housing and support to youth who are at-risk for and experiencing homelessness in the Midlands.

My wife and I attend Trinity Episcopal Cathedral located in downtown Columbia. Among other activities, I enjoy playing golf and watching UofSC athletics - go Gamecocks!

**What is your favorite quote?**

“My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.” - Winston Churchill

This is my favorite quote because I find it directly relatable.

**Who was your most influential mentor?**

Dr. Ted DeLaney, history professor at Washington & Lee University

**What advice would you give your 18-year-old self?**

As it's happening, don't take for granted the UofSC football team's 11-win seasons during 2011-2013.

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