

## Aviation

In the early 1900s, North Carolina earned the motto "First in Flight" due to the Wright brothers and their successful aviation experiments. Today, the state is a burgeoning aviation center, attracting top-tier businesses in the aviation industry because of airport support, geographic location, climate conditions, and business and living environments. From manufacturing and maintenance facilities to aviation schools and training programs to commercial aircraft manufacturing and maintenance, our state offers unique incentives to benefit this growing industry.

The laws and regulations governing aviation are numerous and complex. Brooks Pierce attorneys have considerable experience servicing commercial, charter, manufacturing and maintenance aviation companies in establishing a presence and growing in North Carolina. Firm attorneys assist these clients with site location; changes in state laws at the General Assembly and negotiating incentive packages with the Governor's office, the Commerce Department, Transportation Department and local governments; operations and management; complying with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and state and local tax laws; aircraft financing, purchase and leasing; developing research and training programs; contract disputes; tax planning; employment issues; and mergers and acquisitions.

Brooks Pierce attorneys also represent airports; individuals or groups that own aircraft; and military and technology organizations with aviation operations.