

Brooks Pierce Partners Named As North Carolina's 2008 Legal Elite

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Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP is pleased to announce that 15 of the firm's partners are named as *Business North Carolina* magazine's 2008 "Legal Elite."

Partner Derek Allen is the 2008 winner in the *Young Guns (Best Under 40)* category. Derek practices in the areas of land use and development and general business litigation. He often represents commercial and residential developers in all areas of their land use and development needs, including zoning and related matters.

First time recognition is given to Jennifer K. Van Zant (*Young Guns*) and Howard L. Williams (*Tax Law*). Other Brooks Pierce partners recognized as 2008 Legal Elite include:

Mark Davidson Business Law, Tax/Estate Planning Kearns Davis Criminal and Young Guns
Robert J. King, III Environmental Jeffrey E. Oleynik Antitrust and Bankruptcy Jim W.
Phillips, Jr. Litigation S. Leigh "Bo" Rodenbough, IV Real Estate David W. Sar
Patents/Intellectual Property and Young Guns John H. Small Bankruptcy Mack Sperling
Litigation Edward C. Winslow, III Business Law

Hall of Fame members include James T. Williams, Jr., named as the state's top lawyer in *Litigation* (2002), and George W. House, named as state's top lawyer in *Environmental Law* (2005).

About Legal Elite

Business North Carolina's Legal Elite is a statewide listing of North Carolina lawyers ranked the current best in specific practice areas as voted by their peers. Ballots are mailed to every member of the State Bar living in North Carolina and less than 4% of members receive enough votes to make the list.