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Based in the Port City, Charles Baldwin uses his broad experience in cross-border transactions to advise businesses on international law, venture capital and transactional matters. He also serves as Village Attorney for the Village of Bald Head Island, providing counsel on contract, construction, environmental, municipal and regulatory issues.

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PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Corporate
› Mergers & Acquisitions
Construction
International & Cross Border
Land Use & Zoning
Litigation
› Construction Litigation
Real Estate

INDUSTRIES

Construction & Development
Health Care
Technology
Transportation

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center
LL.M., 1996, with distinction,
International and Comparative Law

American University
School of International Service, M.A.,
1995, International Law and Affairs

American University, Washington
College of Law
J.D., 1993, Note and Comment Editor,
Law Review

University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill
B.A., 1990, English

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
North Carolina
US Court of Appeals
4th Circuit
US Court of Federal Claims
US District Court - North Carolina
Western District
Middle District
Eastern District

MY PRACTICE

INTERNATIONAL/ TRANSPORTATION

Based in Wilmington, N.C., Charles has diverse experience in international and transportation law and is recognized as one of the state's leading attorneys in these areas. Charles represents corporations on a variety of cross-border issues, including imports, exports, cargo claims and Federal Maritime Commission matters. Charles has always had an interest in international business and cultures, and continues to be a frequent speaker on topics related to business law and international trade.

TRANSACTIONAL

Charles has a diverse corporate practice, advising businesses in the technology, pharmaceutical, health care, medical device, manufacturing, port facility, and transportation industries, among others, and on a wide range of venture capital and transactional issues. He regularly counsels his clients on matters related to start-ups, private equity, and mergers and acquisitions. He is an angel investor and executive committee member of Wilmington Investor Network, LLC. Charles enjoys helping his clients achieve their goals by solving and simplifying complex legal issues. He is a frequent speaker and writer on business law.

MUNICIPAL

Charles' unique practice includes serving as village attorney for the Village of Bald Head Island in North Carolina. Bald Head is the southernmost of North Carolina's cape islands, and 10,000 of the island's 12,000 total acres have been set aside as nature preserves. Given the island's diverse environment, Charles counsels island leaders on the numerous environmental and regulatory issues that arise.

HONORS

Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP) designation from the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in International Trade and Finance Law (2012-2018)

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Permanently recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite"* Hall of Fame in Business Law

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member, Board of Directors, NC Foreign Trade Promotion Council, 2016-present

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Presenter, "International Law & Transaction," Pamlico County/FTPC "Going Global" seminar, Oriental, NC, March 2017

Jurisdiction and Strategy in Transportation Litigation and Arbitration, Thomson Reuters/Aspatore Publishers, 2013

"What is Crowd Funding," Legal Alert, March 2012

International Litigation: A Guide to Jurisdiction, Practice and Strategy, 4th Revised Edition, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2010

International Civil Dispute Resolution, 2nd Edition, Thomson/West publishing, 2008

"Practice Before the Clerk in North Carolina," North Carolina Bar Association, 2003

"Virtual Jurisdiction: Personal Jurisdiction Based Upon Electronic Contacts," NC Bar Association International Law Section newsletter, Vol. 8, No. 1, 1999

"Protecting Confidential and Proprietary Commercial Information in International Arbitration," *31 Tex. Int'l L.J.* 451, 1996

Brooks Pierce Partner Named to N.C. Foreign Trade Promotion Council Executive Committee, June 15, 2017

Charles Baldwin Quoted in Global Trade Magazine, April 27, 2017

Baldwin and Fairchild Quoted in Greater Wilmington Business Journal Article on the Future of International Trade, January 17, 2017

Article by Baldwin and Fairchild Published in Global Trade, December 8, 2016

Charles Baldwin and Mark Davidson Presented at GGI's 2016 European Regional Conference, April 27, 2016

Charles S. Baldwin, IV Appointed to NC Foreign Trade Promotion Council Board of Directors, March 11, 2016

Cuba Update: Potential Business Opportunities Remain, September 4, 2015

Charles Baldwin Shares Advice on Exporting Goods with Triad Business Journal, April 17, 2015

Reopening of U.S.—Cuba Relations: Opportunity for North Carolina Businesses?, January 15, 2015

Brooks Pierce Opens Wilmington Office, January 1, 2013

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Charles Baldwin Speaks at 2016 UNCW Community Engagement Conference, October 20, 2016

Brooks Pierce Partners to Host Roundtable Discussions at the UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, September 14, 2015

Charles Baldwin Speaks at NC Association of CPAs Industry Conference, May 21, 2015

Brooks Pierce International Law and Tax Partners to Speak at Export University 101 Event, March 5, 2015