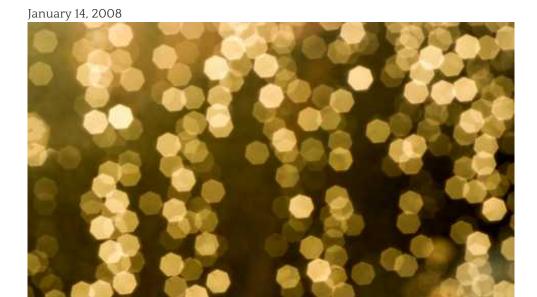


Brooks Pierce Partners Named as North Carolina's 2008 Legal Elite



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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

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Robert J. King, III

Environmental

Jeffrey E. Oleynik

Antitrust & Bankruptcy

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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

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 (20*05).

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