

Education

Counsel for Boards and Educators

Education involves a myriad of complex state and federal laws designed to create and maintain quality schools and provide equal access to all individuals. Brooks Pierce attorneys understand the nuances of these complex issues and how to balance the needs of schools and administrators with the desire of parents and teachers. We represent clients in a variety of educational settings, including public and private K-12 schools and higher education institutions as well as educational associations and education-oriented nonprofit organizations as they navigate issues ranging from special education requirements to Title IX regulations to real estate acquisition and employment litigation.

Dependable and efficient counsel. Our attorneys provide general counsel to schools and school boards on a variety of topics, such as:

- Title IX compliance
- Compliance with changing state and federal laws impacting how education is delivered
- Special education requirements
- Student discipline issues
- Employment and tenure
- Real estate and construction projects
- Fundraising (bonds, forfeiture collections, etc.)
- Drafting administrative policies
- Managing athletic programs

Crisis management. Our team has extensive experience in managing crises in education. We help school boards and administrators navigate the decision making process and evaluate all possible outcomes both short-term situations and extended issues, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investigation. Brooks Pierce attorneys conduct independent investigations of misconduct in public and private education institutions.

Formidable defense. Our seasoned team of litigators has represented educators in state and federal district and appellate courts and can assist in resolving many kinds of disputes:

- Novel issues related to North Carolina state law and constitutional interpretation
- Civil rights violations claims
- Civil torts

- First Amendment
- Employment disputes and discrimination claims
- Construction litigation

Our education attorneys are active members of the North Carolina Council of School Attorneys and the National School Boards Association. Several Brooks Pierce attorneys have also served on boards for public and private higher education institutions.

How can we help you shape future generations?

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NEWSROOM

News

72 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2022 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.19.2021

Elizabeth Troutman Named Chair of North Carolina Council of School Attorneys
07.27.2021

Sarah Saint Named to North Carolina Council of School Attorneys Executive Committee
07.26.2021

Brooks Pierce Attorney Honored by the University of Alabama College of Education
06.29.2021

Sarah Saint Named to North Carolina Bar Association's Education Law Section Council
05.14.2020

Events

Brooks Pierce Attorney Presents at NC Association of School Administrators School Law and Policy
Symposium
09.07.2021

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Present at North Carolina Council of School Attorneys Conference
07.30.2021

Sarah Saint to Speak at NCBA Education Law Section Program
04.19.2021

Elizabeth Troutman Presents at North Carolina Association of Independent Schools Conference
01.28.2021

Elizabeth Troutman Presents at North Carolina School Boards Association Fall Law Conference
10.16.2020

Publications

Brooks Pierce Capital Dispatch: Updates from the NC General Assembly and Governor's Office, June 25,
2021
06.25.2021

Data Breach Defense for Educational Institutions

Digital Media and Data Privacy Law Blog, 06.16.2021

Brooks Pierce Capital Dispatch: Updates from the NC General Assembly and Governor's Office, April 1, 2021

04.01.2021

Brooks Pierce Capital Dispatch: Updates from the NC General Assembly and Governor's Office, March 12, 2021

03.12.2021

North Carolina Legislative Update, March 5, 2021

03.05.2021