

# Litigation

## Innovative Trial Advocacy

Brooks Pierce attorneys solve complex problems. When those problems require litigation, our attorneys respond through vigorous, creative, efficient, skilled, and committed trial practice and advocacy.

More than half of our lawyers are trial lawyers. We thrive on novel issues and precedent-setting cases, helping our clients with problems that are not easily solved. We bring our combined knowledge and skills to bear on every case, combing over and analyzing issues to develop the strategy that we believe will bring our clients the most satisfying outcome. Our work has been widely honored, including Brooks Pierce being named *Benchmark Litigation's* "North Carolina Law Firm of the Year" for four consecutive years (2016-2019) and receiving a Band 1 ranking from *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* every year since 2008.

**Wide Range of Clients.** Brooks Pierce represents all types of businesses from start-ups to large corporations, including high-tech research firms, transportation and utilities companies, construction and manufacturing companies, retail establishments, insurance marketing organizations, quarries, educational institutions, and media and communications companies. We represent lawyers and healthcare professionals against malpractice claims and advocate for governmental and municipal units and also have considerable experience with white-collar criminal defense claims and internal investigations.

**Vast Experience.** We have tremendous litigation experience in state courts, including serving as counsel of record in more cases before the North Carolina Business Court than any other law firm. We also regularly handle cases in federal district courts and courts of appeal.

Some recent representative experience includes:

- Representing a county board of education in a case arguing that a regional school had not provided a proper STEM program.
- Representing the plaintiffs in a class action case challenging impact fees paid by residents and builders in Orange County, North Carolina. The class certification was upheld by the North Carolina Supreme Court.
- Representing an aviation company in a case involving numerous issues of corporate, fraudulent transfer, and intellectual property law novel to North Carolina in the North Carolina Business Court.
- Defending a publicly traded Texas company in two class actions alleging illegal debt-collection practices in a case now on appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4<sup>th</sup>
- Securing a \$75 million verdict for the United States operations of a China-based chemical manufacturer for breach of contract as well as unfair and deceptive conduct. The verdict was named one of North Carolina Lawyers Weekly's Top 50 Verdicts of 2019.

- Representing a local university and health system in a breach of contract and libel case brought by a former doctor, with claims from circumstances surrounding a going away party for the plaintiff and the human resources investigation that followed.

Our litigation attorneys include former judicial law clerks for the U.S. Supreme Court, the N.C. Supreme Court, the N.C. Business Court, and various federal appellate and district courts as well as several former assistant U.S. attorneys.

How can we advocate for you?

## EXPERIENCE

Caddell Construction Company  
04.12.2021

Landmark N.C. Civil Rights Case  
01.11.2021

Shangyu Sunfit Chemical Company  
12.02.2019

Challenging a Contentious Last Will and Testament

## PEOPLE

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## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Antitrust

Appellate

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor's Rights

Class Action

Complex Business Litigation

Construction Litigation

Federal Litigation

Insurance & Professional Services

IP Litigation

Litigation Support Technology  
Mediation & Arbitration  
North Carolina Business Court  
Professional Liability Litigation

## NEWSROOM

### News

Brooks Pierce Welcomes New Associate  
08.30.2021

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

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Successfully Challenge Will of Wilmington Man  
08.19.2021

Will Robertson Named Young Lawyers Division Liaison for NC Bar Association Litigation Section Council  
08.11.2021

Four Brooks Pierce Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List"  
*Benchmark Litigation*, 08.09.2021

### Events

Tanisha Palvia Presents at 2021 Festival of Legal Learning  
02.05.2021

### Publications

How to Conduct an Effective Remote Deposition  
06.02.2021

Changes to the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Take Effect Oct. 1, 2020  
09.30.2020

Five Lessons Learned From a Lifetime in the Courtroom  
07.09.2020

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Complete Series of Guides on NC Litigation Procedures  
*Practical Law* 08.01.2016

Pitfalls in Managing Online Reputations



06.02.2016