

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 4th
- 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

PEOPLE

Daniel D. Adams

James C. Adams II

Julia C. Ambrose

Charles S. Baldwin IV

James L. Bobbitt III

H. Arthur Bolick II

William P.H. Cary

Jimmy C. Chang

Charles E. Coble

Daniel L. Colston

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Alexander Elkan

Ryan Fairchild

Eric F. Fletcher

Shana L. Fulton

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George W. House

Robert King III

David Kushner

D. Beth Langley

Jamey Mavis Lowdermilk

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Thomas G. Varnum

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Katarina Wong

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

Jennifer Van Zant Named to Benchmark's Top 250 Women in Litigation
Benchmark Litigation, 08.05.2021

Brooks Pierce Welcomes Former Partner Back to the Firm
07.29.2021

Brooks Pierce Partner Recognized by North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
06.18.2021

Brooks Pierce Welcomes New Associate
06.16.2021

Six Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized by the North Carolina Supreme Court for Pro Bono Work
06.16.2021

Brooks Pierce Practice Areas, Attorneys Receive Top Honors from Chambers USA
Chambers USA, 05.20.2021

Brooks Pierce Partners Secure Win in False Claims Act Case
04.12.2021

Brooks Pierce Welcomes New Associate
03.31.2021

Gary Parsons Publishes Article in North Carolina Lawyers Weekly
North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, 03.25.2021

Brooks Pierce Receives Top Ranking in 2021 Edition of Benchmark Litigation
Benchmark Litigation, 11.09.2020

Brooks Pierce Receives 38 Tier-One Rankings in 2021 Edition of “Best Law Firms”
U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”, 11.05.2020

New Associate Joins Brooks Pierce
10.26.2020

Brooks Pierce Welcomes Two New Associates
09.24.2020

Brooks Pierce Announces Four New Partners
09.22.2020

Brooks Pierce Partner Publishes Article in North Carolina and South Carolina Lawyers Weekly on Life in the Courtroom
North Carolina and South Carolina Lawyers Weekly, 07.09.2020

Brooks Pierce Practice Areas, Attorneys Receive Top Honors from Chambers USA
Chambers USA, 05.01.2020

Seven Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Present at the 2020 Festival of Legal Learning
02.04.2020

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Win Chemical Company a \$75 Million Verdict
12.02.2019

Brooks Pierce Receives 37 Tier-One Rankings in 2020 Edition of “Best Law Firms”
U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”, 11.04.2019

Brooks Pierce Welcomes Four New Associates
10.23.2019

Brooks Pierce Receives Top Ranking in 2020 Edition of Benchmark Litigation
Benchmark Litigation, 10.15.2019

Brooks Pierce Practice Areas, Attorneys Receive Top Honors from Chambers USA
Chambers USA, 04.29.2019

Brooks Pierce Helps Secure Recovery for Taxpayers and Whistleblower in Key False Claims Act Case
03.27.2019

Benchmark Litigation Names Brooks Pierce “North Carolina Law Firm of the Year” for Fourth Consecutive Year
Benchmark Litigation, 03.04.2019

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Write Amicus Curiae Brief in Domestic Violence Case
01.22.2019

Twenty-Five Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in Business North Carolina's 2019 "Legal Elite" and "Hall of Fame"
Business North Carolina, 01.02.2019

Brooks Pierce Receives Top Ranking in 2019 Edition of Benchmark Litigation
Benchmark Litigation, 11.01.2018

Will Quick Elected to NCBA Litigation Section Council
06.28.2018

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Earn Top Rankings from Chambers USA
Chambers USA, 05.03.2018

Brooks Pierce Partner Bob King Quoted in The Daily Reflector
The Daily Reflector, 04.25.2018

Benchmark Litigation Names Brooks Pierce "North Carolina Law Firm of the Year" For Third Consecutive Year
Benchmark Litigation, 02.16.2018

Bob King Recognized for Litigation Work in Reuters Legal
Reuters Legal, 12.06.2017

Brooks Pierce Partner Admitted as a Fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers
09.21.2017

Kearns Davis Quoted in Bloomberg Regarding Jury Selection in Boston Marathon Bombing Trial
Bloomberg, 02.09.2015

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