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Clint Pinyan has an extended and varied practice focused on government regulation of businesses and professionals. He advocates for clients and advises them in a variety of settings, concentrating on complex business and commercial litigation, administrative and regulatory law.

REGULATORY & ADMINISTRATIVE

Clint represents both regulators and regulated businesses and professionals, giving him extensive experience on both sides of the regulatory process. Clint serves as general counsel to the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy and has represented other state and local government agencies, counties and municipalities. He also represents regulated persons before agencies such as the Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners, the Medical Board, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Psychology Board and the Social Work Certification and Licensure Board. Clint has litigated dozens of administrative hearings in North Carolina.

Clint also advises businesses and professionals and litigates on their behalf on regulatory issues. He has litigated numerous antitrust, government contracting, health care and other cases focusing on both federal and state trade and commercial regulation and government programs. From 2009-2010, Clint served as chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Section, and he has served that section in a variety of other capacities.

COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION

Clint has a varied practice in complex business and commercial litigation. His litigation frequently revolves around federal and state trade and professional regulatory issues. On behalf of businesses large and small, he has litigated numerous antitrust, government contracting, health care and other cases focusing on trade and commercial regulation and government programs. From 2009-2010, Clint served as Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section (now called the Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Section), and he has served that section in a variety of other capacities.

Clint has also defended numerous cases alleging professional negligence brought against national and regional accounting firms, law firms and other professionals.

He litigates other cases in areas as diverse as securities, finance, tax, insurance coverage, intellectual property, real property, constitutional law, labor and employment, employee benefits, personal injury, and construction.

HEALTH CARE

Clint represents health care organizations, professionals and regulators on a wide range of legal issues and in a variety of forums, including litigation, administrative practice and advising. Clint's perspective on health care law has been shaped by representing both government health care regulators and regulated businesses and professionals, giving him extensive experience on both sides of the health care regulatory process. Clint serves as general counsel to the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy and has represented several other state and local government agencies, counties and municipalities in North Carolina and elsewhere on health care matters. In addition, he represents health care professionals before their licensing boards. Clint has litigated dozens of health care cases through the administrative hearing process in North Carolina, as well as in courts throughout the state.

Clint frequently serves as a presenter on pharmacy and other health care issues to national, state and local organizations.

APPELLATE

Clint maintains a dynamic practice in appellate litigation. He came to Brooks Pierce after practicing for three years in the appellate section of an international law firm, where his practice focused on representing clients in federal appellate courts and in the United States Supreme Court. Clint has continued his appellate practice at Brooks Pierce, in both state and federal appellate courts, in a wide variety of matters. For a decade, Clint served on the Bar Association's Appellate Rules Study Committee, which is responsible for recommending changes to North Carolina's appellate rules.

SERVICES

Antitrust

Class Action

Complex Business Litigation

Education

Federal Litigation

Financial Services and Banking

Health Care

Insurance & Professional Services

Litigation

North Carolina Business Court

Professional Liability Litigation

Regulatory & Administrative

Technology

CREDENTIALS

Clerkships

Law Clerk to Chief Judge Frank W. Bullock, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1995-96

Honors & Recognitions

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation (2013-2022)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in Antitrust Law (2012, 2018)

Education

University of Chicago Law, J.D., 1995, with high honors; Order of the Coif; Symposium Editor, University of Chicago Legal Forum, 1993-95; Staff Member, University of Chicago Law School Roundtable, 1994-95

Wake Forest University, B.A., 1991, *summa cum laude*; with honors in history; Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

District of Columbia

North Carolina

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th, 6th, 9th, and D.C. Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Chair (2009-10), Member (2004 – present) and other positions, Section Council, Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Law Section, North Carolina Bar Association

Awards Committee (2019-present), Member (2013 – present), Section Council, Administrative Law Section, North Carolina Bar Association

Member, Appellate Rules Study Committee (1999-2009), and Litigation and Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Sections, North Carolina Bar Association

Member, Greensboro Bar Association

Leadership Greensboro, Class of 2006

Member, Emerging Leaders Steering Board (2004-2009), Volunteer Coordinator of the Year (2005), United Way of Greater Greensboro

Member, PTA Executive Board, Brooks Global Studies Extended Year Magnet School (2005-06)

Active Volunteer and Awards Chairman, Boy Scout Troop 101 (2012– 2019)

Active Member, Westover Church (1999-present)

NEWSROOM

News

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

73 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.20.2020

55 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.15.2019

55 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2019 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.15.2018

Twenty-five Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in Business North Carolina's 2018 "Legal Elite" and "Hall of Fame"

Business North Carolina, 01.02.2018

Speaking Engagements

Brooks Pierce Partner Discusses NC Open Meetings Act at Occupational Licensing Agencies Best practices Seminar

05.12.2015

Publications

What is Hemp? Is It Even Legal?

09.13.2019

Bill Introduced in General Assembly to Create NC Hemp Commission and Promote Private Hemp Industry

03.20.2019