

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

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The 2020 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® recognized 55 Brooks Pierce attorneys as industry leaders. In addition, 11 attorneys in the firm were also recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective practice areas.

The Best Lawyers in America® is recognized as the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. The methodology is designed to capture the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical and legal practice area.

The Best Lawyers in America® employs a survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services. More information on *The Best Lawyers in America*® methodology can be found at <https://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology>.

The 11 Brooks Pierce attorneys recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” for their respective practice areas are:

- Marc Bishop for Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law in Greensboro
- Libby Brewington for Corporate Law in Greensboro
- Eric David for Litigation – First Amendment in Raleigh
- Mark Davidson for Mergers and Acquisitions Law in Greensboro
- Kearns Davis for Criminal Defense: White-Collar in Greensboro
- David Sar for Trade Secrets Law in Greensboro
- Bob Saunders for Nonprofit/Charities Law in Greensboro
- Bob Singer for Financial Services Regulation Law in Greensboro
- John Small for Bet-the-Company Litigation and Litigation – Bankruptcy in Greensboro
- Ed Turlington for Government Relations Practice in Raleigh
- Jennifer Van Zant for Litigation – Securities in Greensboro

The 55 Brooks Pierce attorneys listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020 are:

- Jimmy Adams for Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Labor and Employment; Litigation – Securities
- Julia Ambrose for Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation
- Charles Baldwin for International Trade and Finance Law

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- Camden Betz for Real Estate Law
- Marc Bishop for Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Commercial Finance Law; Commercial Transactions/UCC Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Arty Bolick for Construction Law
- Libby Brewington for Corporate Law
- Forrest Campbell for Health Care Law
- Bill Cary for Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Management
- Charles Coble for Commercial Litigation
- John Cross for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Eric David for Commercial Litigation; Corporate Governance Law; Litigation – First Amendment; Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Mark Davidson for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law; Tax Law
- Ben Davis for Banking and Finance Law
- Kearns Davis for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Mike Dowling for Commercial Litigation
- Alex Elkan for Environmental Law
- Tricia Goodson for Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Management
- George House for Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental; Mining Law; Natural Resources Law; Water Law
- Patrick J. Johnson for Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Patrick R. Johnson for Real Estate Law
- Bob King for Commercial Litigation; Environmental Law
- David Kushner for Media Law
- Beth Langley for Commercial Litigation; Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Charles Marshall for Commercial Litigation; Government Relations Practice
- Dan McGinn for Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Bill McNairy for Tax Law; Trusts and Estates

- Clint Morse for Litigation – Bankruptcy
- D.J. O'Brien for Employment Law – Management
- Jeff Oleynik for Antitrust Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Gary Parsons for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Jim Phillips for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Litigation – Securities
- Reid Phillips for Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Banking and Finance; Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Clint Pinyan for Commercial Litigation
- Mark Prak for First Amendment Law; Litigation – First Amendment; Media Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Coe Ramsey for Entertainment Law – Music; Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Bo Rodenbough for Commercial Litigation; Real Estate Law
- David Sar for Litigation – Intellectual Property; Litigation – Patent; Patent Law; Trade Secrets Law; Trademark Law
- Bob Saunders for Litigation and Controversy – Tax; Nonprofit/Charities Law; Tax Law
- Bob Singer for Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Financial Services Regulation Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- John Small for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Bet-the-Company Litigation; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Mack Sperling for Commercial Litigation
- Adam Tarleton for Trusts and Estates
- Randy Tinsley for Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental
- Walt Tippett for Commercial Litigation; Construction Law
- Marcus Trathen for First Amendment Law
- Ed Turlington for Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law; Government Relations Practice
- Randy Underwood for Financial Services Regulation Law; Real Estate Law
- Jennifer Van Zant for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust; Litigation – Banking and Finance; Litigation – Securities
- Melissa Weaver for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Ed West for Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation and Controversy - Tax

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- Howard Williams for Litigation and Controversy – Tax; Tax Law
- Jill Wilson for Education Law; Employment Law – Management
- Ed Winslow for Banking and Finance Law; Financial Services Regulation Law; Litigation – Banking and Finance
- Kyle Woosley for Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental

This is the first year that Betz, Dowling, Patrick R. Johnson and Morse were named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

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