

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

Challenging a Contentious Last Will and Testament
08.19.2021

Caddell Construction Company
04.12.2021

Landmark N.C. Civil Rights Case
01.11.2021

Shangyu Sunfit Chemical Company
12.02.2019

PEOPLE

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NEWSROOM

News

Brooks Pierce Expands Litigation Team: Welcome Agustin Martinez
06.30.2022

Fourth Circuit Affirms Summary Judgment for Wake Forest University in Wrongful Death Action
06.20.2022

Brooks Pierce Receives Top Honors from *Chambers USA*: Nine Practice Areas, 20 Attorneys
Ranked Among the Best
Chambers USA, 06.01.2022

Brooks Pierce Welcomes New Associate
05.04.2022

Twenty-seven Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized by 2022 *North Carolina Super Lawyers*
North Carolina Super Lawyers, 01.13.2022

Events

Brooks Pierce Partner to Present on Trial Skills at North Carolina Legal Services Conference
08.04.2022

Bob King Participates in NCBA's Expert Series CLE
07.06.2022

Will Walker Speaks to UNC Law Students
03.08.2022

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