

## Music

### The Business Behind the Beat

Many performers and producers breaking into the music industry have very little understanding of the complex legal issues they are about to encounter. Brooks Pierce attorneys bring a wealth of legal and industry experience to bear for a diverse clientele, including songwriters, singers, bands, record producers, DJs, record companies, radio stations, and many others.

We also advise broadcasters, music websites, restaurants and bars, and advertisers on the legal use of music and licensing issues.

Our experience includes:

- Contract negotiation – negotiating and drafting major recording and publishing agreements, as well as producer agreements, production and co-production contracts, songwriter agreements, management and agency agreements, sponsorship agreements, and live performance contracts.
- Music licensing – advising on compulsory music licenses, negotiating and drafting mechanical, synchronization, master use, and public performance licenses for use of music by broadcasters, radio stations, business presentations, restaurants and bars, and on behalf of music user licensees and artist/ songwriter licensors.
- Copyright – advising on copyright and trademark protection, assisting with copyright and trademark filings.
- Dispute resolution – litigating and otherwise assisting in resolving disputes involving music copyright infringement, copyright ownership, and breaches of contracts.

Brooks Pierce entertainment attorneys are sought by musicians and music producers throughout the country for their industry experience, their contacts with industry executives, and their understanding of the unique issues that music industry professionals face.

How can we help you develop and protect your musical interests?

### PEOPLE

Noah Hock

Coe W. Ramsey

Christiane L. Smedley

Thomas G. Varnum

## NEWSROOM

### News

Brooks Pierce Receives 41 Tier-One Rankings in 2023 "Best Lawyers"  
11.03.2022

Brooks Pierce Welcomes Four New Associates  
10.07.2022

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023 Guide  
08.18.2022

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

Ramsey, Whorton Launch Music Law Blog Series on ReverbNation.com  
05.16.2018

### Events

Brooks Pierce Sponsors Eastern Music Festival  
06.17.2022

Coe W. Ramsey to Appear on Music Business Panel  
01.11.2018

Coe W. Ramsey to Present at 2017 International Bluegrass Music Association Business  
Conference  
09.19.2017

Coe W. Ramsey to Address Justice Bobbitt Inn of Court  
01.04.2017

Coe Ramsey to Speak at DIY Musician Conference  
09.29.2016

### Publications

Music Performing Rights Organizations and the "Full-Work" vs. "Fractional" Licensing Dispute:  
Government Seeks to Overturn Fractional Licensing Decision

05.24.2017

Coe Ramsey Answers "Legal Q&A" for DJs

04.30.2010