

Not-for-Profits

Not-for-Profits and Charitable Organizations

Not-for-profits and charitable organizations face an array of complicated and unique legal issues. For both public and private organizations, Brooks Pierce attorneys have extensive experience counseling non-profits, charities, private foundations and other organizations on formation, ongoing operations, business transactions and tax law.

Our services include:

- **Forming, dissolving, merging and reorganizing:** When it comes to the business operations of your not-for-profit, our attorneys can provide guidance every step of the way. From determining the best organizational structure to advising on governance issues to helping with mergers and dissolutions, our attorneys are well-versed in the legal requirements facing not-for-profits.
- **Financing:** Our attorneys are here to assist in a multitude of financing responsibilities, including advising on charitable contribution solicitation, obtaining tax-exempt financing and advising on revenue financing for municipalities.
- **Audits and tax exemption:** Brooks Pierce attorneys provides counsel and audits to tax-exempt organizations on the federal, state and local level. This includes a variety of services including reviewing tax-exempt status, structuring organizations to minimize tax liability and representation before the IRS and state tax authorities.
- **Asset transfers:** Not-for-profits often face regulatory scrutiny when transferring or selling assets or seeking release from donor restrictions on endowed funds. We provide counsel to not-for-profits helping them successfully navigate this process.

The clients we serve include:

- **Nonprofit charitable organizations:** Our clients include religious organizations, educational institutions, hospitals, scientific research organizations, economic development corporations, supporting organizations, continuing care retirement communities and a variety of public charities. We also work with a number of organizations focused on impact investing and have experience with advising social enterprises, especially as for-profit subsidiaries of nonprofit organizations. We represent both company and family private foundations.
- **Other nonprofit organizations:** Our clients include social welfare groups, political action committees, trade associations, chambers of commerce, social clubs and fraternities and sororities.

How can we assist your not-for-profit?

EXPERIENCE

Landmark N.C. Civil Rights Case
01.11.2021

North Carolina Rural Center
11.03.2020

PEOPLE

Erin Barker

H. Arthur Bolick II

John Cross Jr.

Mark Davidson

Patricia Goodson

Noah Hock

Robert King III

D. Beth Langley

Jamey Mavis Lowdermilk

Brian McMillan

Clint S. Morse

William Ross Jr.

Robert Saunders

John H. Small

Adam P.M. Tarleton

Sara R. Vizithum

Melissa H. Weaver

Howard L. Williams

NEWSROOM

News

Brooks Pierce Receives 38 Tier-One Rankings in 2024 Edition of “Best Law Firms”
11.02.2023

74 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024 Guide
08.17.2023

Jamey Lowdermilk Guest Lectures at UNCG
03.02.2023

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

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

Events

Bob Saunders Presents at Western NC SCORE Chapter Seminar
03.10.2022

Bob Saunders Presents Webinar to First Citizens Bank
03.09.2022

Brooks Pierce Partner Presents CLE Program for North Carolina Bar Association
01.19.2022

Brooks Pierce Partner Participates in North Carolina Bar Association Panel Discussion
11.05.2021

Publications

New Criminal Prohibitions Applicable to Local Public Officials
01.11.2022

Federal and State Protections for Nonprofits Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic
COVID-19 Response Resource Center: Timely Counsel for your Business, 04.27.2020