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Clint Morse is an experienced litigator who thrives in the courtroom. He represents a variety of clients on issues related to intellectual property, bankruptcy, and general corporate disputes.

BANKRUPTCY AND DEBTOR/CREDITOR

Clint represents state, regional and national businesses in various bankruptcy/financial restructuring matters. Clint enjoys challenging cases involving extensive court work, and thrives on first day motions in Bankruptcy Court where there is an evidentiary hearing on short notice that can decide the outcome of the case.

GENERAL CORPORATE LITIGATION

Clint represents clients in partnership disputes and fiduciary duty claims among partners. He tries cases and presents arguments in various contexts in front of the District and Superior Courts of North Carolina, the North Carolina Business Court, the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the Federal District Courts of North Carolina.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION

A seasoned intellectual property litigator, Clint represents clients on a myriad of complex issues related to trade secrets, trademarks, patent litigation, and unfair competition.

SERVICES

Appellate

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor's Rights

Complex Business Litigation
Education
Federal Litigation
Intellectual Property
IP Litigation
Litigation
Litigation Support Technology
Manufacturing
Mediation & Arbitration
North Carolina Business Court
Financial Services and Banking
Insurance & Professional Services
Not-for-Profits
Real Estate
Technology

CREDENTIALS

Honors & Recognitions

Recognized as one of the *Triad Business Journal's* "40 Leaders Under 40" (2021)

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© in Litigation - Bankruptcy (2020-2022)

Selected for *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List" (2017-2021)

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in Bankruptcy Law (2020-2022) and in the Young Guns category (2018-2019)

Recognized in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters) as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation (2013-2022)

Herb Falk Society Pro Bono Award (Greensboro Bar Association)

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., 2008, *magna cum laude*; Notes/Comments Editor, *Wake Forest Law Review*; Order of the Coif; I. Beverly Lake Constitutional Scholar Award

James Madison University, B.S., 2004, with distinction in mathematics

Admissions

North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit

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

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Member, North Carolina Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Board of Directors, Horsepower Therapeutic Learning Center (2018-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Seven Homes Foster Care & Adoption Agency (2013-2017)

Member, Future Fund Grant-Making Committee and Steering Committee (2012-2017)

Member, Guilford County Inns of Court (2013-2015)

ABOUT ME

My earliest childhood memories are of my dad throwing batting practice in a batting cage he built in our backyard. My dad worked long and hard hours, but he still found the time for practice with my brother and I every day. I was never the biggest (except in cross-country where this was not a virtue), the fastest, or the strongest, but I did the best I could every day. Dad always said: "I will be proud of you as long as you do the best you can, but I will love you no matter what." I cannot wait to pass these teachings on to my young sons when they are old enough to compete.

Sports trained me to be who I am today: a driven, self-disciplined professional who understands that preparation and teamwork are the keys to success. Success, however, is secondary to a loving family.

Sports also provided an outlet for my defining characteristic: I thoroughly enjoy competition of any shape or form. While I did not play baseball in high school to my dad's dismay, I played soccer, tennis, and ran track and cross-country. I even kicked for the football team until the cross-country coach told me to quit (pretty lame but true). I graduated with fifteen varsity letters. Most importantly, I graduated with lifelong friends. While I have lost touch with some over the years, I want all of my teammates and classmates to know that I still have your back.

I played Division I tennis at James Madison University (Go Dukes!). I grew up in the mountains and I always look forward to going back to visit my coach and teammates. I just need to find a new place since Dave's Tavern closed.

While my accomplishments on the tennis court were few and far between (the only thing similar between high school and college is the height of the net), I began to fuel my competitiveness with schoolwork. My senior year, I was the scholar-athlete of the year first-runner up. I graduated with degrees in mathematics and computer science while balancing a Division I athletic schedule.

I went to graduate school to study mathematics. Faced with the reality that teaching is the only real prospect for employment for someone with a pure math degree, I knew I needed to do something else. I woke up one morning and there was an episode of "Law & Order" on the USA Network. I thought "I can do that." I signed up for the L-SATs and the rest is history.

The professor taught the first law school class I ever attended with the Socratic Method. Unlike the students in the “Paper Chase,” I loved the competition of being called upon and having to defend your answers while the professor tries to undercut everything you are arguing. I literally lived in the library to the point where my classmates designated me as the “most likely to live in a library” in my third-year superlative. I survived law school only with the help of my classmates. My classmates became my new teammates after I was no longer a competitive athlete. Unless one of my Wake Forest classmates is representing an adverse party (in which case he or she will be pounded into submission), I will still do everything I can to help my classmates succeed.

I am glad I turned on “Law & Order” instead of “Top Chef,” my other favorite show. The law has been the perfect fit for me. I am a litigator who generally enjoys the law. Mostly though, I thoroughly enjoy the competition, and I have litigated cases in wide-ranging contexts: bankruptcy, intellectual property, general business litigation, corporate governance, real estate, defamation, unfair competition, environmental law, trade secrets, employment law, non-competes, patents, family disputes, etc. Simply put, I learn the law applicable to my client’s cases. Further, my understanding of widely differing fields gives me a competitive advantage in the fast-paced environment of the courtroom.

Even when I have been awake for three days straight at trial or preparing a complicated summary judgment brief in North Carolina Business Court or Federal Court, I enjoy the time I spend preparing to win. I enjoy discussing matters with my Brooks Pierce colleagues, who constitute a large network of highly skilled teammates who want to help me succeed. My other teammates are my clients. Until I drop from exhaustion (which only my seven and four-year-old can cause), I will do everything in my power to help my clients succeed.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted lives across the world. As I do when faced with any novel problem, I actively researched what I could do to help. Ultimately, I volunteered for a COVID-19 vaccine trial. My experience is explained in this article.

It is a badge of honor to do the best that you can in everything you do every day. I enjoy every day that I work for Brooks Pierce and every day that I get to work for my clients.

NEWSROOM

News

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

Thirty Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in Business North Carolina's 2022 "Legal Elite" and "Hall of Fame"

Business North Carolina, 01.03.2022

Brooks Pierce Receives Top Ranking in 2022 Edition of *Benchmark Litigation*

Benchmark Litigation, 10.07.2021

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

The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.19.2021

Four Brooks Pierce Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List"

Benchmark Litigation, 08.09.2021

Speaking Engagements

Clint Morse Participates on Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce Panel

08.21.2020

Clint Morse and Jamey Lowdermilk to Present CLE on COVID-19 and Bankruptcy

05.04.2020

Clint Morse Speaks at Statewide Conference on Bankruptcy Law

11.23.2016

Publications

Considerations for Customers Distressed Due to COVID-19

COVID-19 Response Resource Center: Timely Counsel for your Business, 04.15.2020

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Complete Series of Guides on NC Litigation Procedures

Practical Law 08.01.2016

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Author Guide on Responding to Discovery Subpoenas

10.15.2015

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Author Guide on Drafting Discovery Subpoenas

09.28.2015

Clint Morse Authors Guide on Provisional Remedies in NC Courts

08.23.2015