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An experienced litigator, Joey Ponzi represents clients in the areas of environmental law, health care litigation, and complex business litigation. He regularly appears before state and federal, trial, appellate, and administrative courts.

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

Joey represents businesses in a wide variety of environmental litigation matters such as NPDES, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act permitting, NEPA, SPCA, and civil penalty assessments. He has experience representing municipalities and water authorities in environmental contamination disputes. He also represents clients in cleanup disputes between responsible parties, and in insurance disputes over coverage for environmental contamination. Joey has appeared extensively in litigation before administrative bodies, as well as in trial and appellate courts, both state and federal.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Joey works with state and federal agencies and advises clients on various environmental issues, including Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act permitting, underground storage tanks, contaminated property, and land use. Examples include a brownfields project for the redevelopment of a 50+ acre historic mill, and permitting for a beach renourishment project. He has represented developers, municipalities, natural resource sector companies, and a range of other businesses.

COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION

Joey represents clients in a myriad of complex business disputes, including issues related to construction, motor carrier disputes, Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practice claims, franchise disputes, land use, and quiet title actions. He regularly appears before trial and appellate courts.

Joey is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration of large-scale public construction projects.

HEALTH CARE

Joey represents clients in health care litigation, including Medicaid Waiver disputes with LME/MCOs, licensing and penalty disputes with DHHS. He has extensive experience in Medicaid payment disputes, including payment clawbacks and misprocessing of claims. He regularly appears before the Office of Administrative Hearings, and has substantial experience working and negotiating with regulators.

SERVICES

Regulatory & Administrative

Agribusiness

Appellate

Complex Business Litigation

Environmental

Federal Litigation

Health Care

Insurance & Professional Services

Litigation

Climate Resilience

Construction & Development

Manufacturing

Real Estate

CREDENTIALS

Honors & Recognitions

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation (2021-2023)

Received the 2018 Good for Kids Award from the North Carolina Pediatric Society (2018)

Recognized in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters) as a "Rising Star" in Business Litigation (2013-2014), and as a "Rising Star" in Environmental Litigation (2015, 2017-2020)

Recognized as one of the *Triad Business Journal's* "40 Leaders Under 40" (2018)

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2007; Member, Editorial Board, *Virginia Law Review*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S., 2002, with honors and distinction

Admissions

North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th and D.C. Circuits

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

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Board of Directors, Peacehaven Farm (2012 - 2017)

Board of Trustees, Greensboro College (2015 - 2019)

Guardian Ad Litem, Orange County (2003 - 04)

Member, North Carolina Bar Association (2007-present)

Member, Young Lawyer's Division, North Carolina Bar Association (2007-2016)

Member, Litigation Section, North Carolina Bar Association (2007-present)

Member, Environment, Energy, & Natural Resources Law, North Carolina Bar Association (2007-present)

ABOUT ME

In my law practice, my primary interest is in exploring and applying legal principles in order to find solutions to the complex problems that clients encounter. In that regard, while I've enjoyed a successful motions and appellate practice throughout my career, I've also found that by personally engaging with clients and their needs I am better able to reach practical resolutions, whether in court or through alternative approaches.

My free time is spent with my wife and two children. I'm an avid hiker - a passion my children have adopted for themselves over the years - and we've taken numerous back country hiking trips in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The wild ponies of Grayson Highlands are a favorite.

NEWSROOM

News

Thirty-Two Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in Business North Carolina's 2023 "Legal Elite" and "Hall of Fame"

01.03.2023

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

73 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021 Guide

The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.20.2020

Thirty-Four Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers

North Carolina Super Lawyers, 01.22.2020

Publications

PFAS Regulatory Developments and Risk Considerations for Manufacturers

01.18.2022

Clean Water Act Controversy

02.01.2019

Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery FAQ

09.21.2018

2013 North Carolina Environmental Legislation Summary

07.31.2013

Adjusting Carbon Management Policies To Encourage Renewable, Net-Negative Projects Such As
Biochar Sequestration, from William Mitchell Law Review

06.06.2010