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Kyle Woosley has more than 30 years of experience counseling businesses and individuals on a multitude of environmental issues, including permitting, environmental liabilities and protections, allocation of environmental risk by contract, and buying and selling contaminated property.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Kyle provides counsel on a variety of federal and state environmental law issues, including Superfund, groundwater, permitting, NEPA and SEPA review, civil penalty, and underground storage tank laws. Kyle has authored a manual to aid financial institutions in identifying and managing environmental risk, and he served four years as co-editor of “Environmental News,” the newsletter of the Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

TRANSACTIONAL

Kyle has extensive experience representing buyers and sellers of contaminated properties. He regularly advises individuals and businesses engaged in transactions that involve contaminated properties, including allocating environmental risk in contracts, pre-purchase due diligence, ASTM standards, purchaser defenses to environmental liability, and seeking liability protection through the North Carolina brownfields program. He also advises financial institutions on risks of and options for financing the purchase of contaminated properties.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Kyle advises owners and operators of commercial and residential underground storage tanks on how to manage environmental risks associated with underground tanks. He also advises clients seeking reimbursement from the state trust fund for expenses associated with the cleanup of a

release.

SERVICES

Agribusiness

Environmental

Construction & Development

Financial Services and Banking

Hospitality

Insurance & Professional Services

Real Estate

CREDENTIALS

Honors & Recognitions

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation (2012-2023); Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" for Environmental Litigation (2016, 2018, 2022); Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" for Environmental Law (2017 & 2021)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in Environmental Law (2010-2013)

Education

Stanford University Law School, J.D., 1980 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1976

Admissions

North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Member, Environmental Law Section Council, North Carolina Bar Association (2000-03)

Member, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, American Bar Association (2000-present)

Member, Section of Administrative Law, American Bar Association (2000-present)

Advisory Council, Legal Aid of North Carolina, Greensboro office (2002-present)

Board Member, Legal Aid of North Carolina (2007-2012), and Chair of the Audit Committee (2010-present)

ABOUT ME

My background: I have taken an indirect path to a career in law. After graduating from law school, I moved to Switzerland and worked for a few years as a consultant for two international agencies (World Health Organization and UN Environmental Program). Then I returned to North Carolina for more school (studying physics at UNC-Greensboro). Only then did I settle into law at Brooks Pierce.

My work: I (often) love the practice of environmental law; it allows me to work in the fields I find most interesting: science, law and policy. I love that the practice of environmental law often involves new and complex legal issues. I especially love practicing environmental law at Brooks Pierce; my colleagues are creative, smart, hard working – and they allow me my idiosyncrasies.

My travel: As an adult, I have lived in Seattle, Chapel Hill, Palo Alto, Geneva, and Greensboro – and thoroughly enjoyed all those experiences. I have traveled in Kenya, much of western Europe, and Australia, taking thousands of photos as I went. If I weren't a lawyer, I'd be a photographer for National Geographic. If only I had the talent.

My home: I am a semi-vegetarian (I love seafood), have been for decades. My wife is unimpressed; she insists (as the cook) I'm a vegetarian who does not like vegetables.

My family: I have a wife and a son. This is working out well. I have enjoyed being a father as much as anything I've done. My son has acquired my love of science (he has a graduate degree in nanoengineering and works as a process engineer), my love of photography (he spent most of his savings on a Nikon and has created amazing hyper lapses), my love of travel (he has visited the Caribbean, Colombia, Iceland, and many of our national parks and forests), and my frustration with golf.

NEWSROOM

News

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

55 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.15.2019

55 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2019 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.15.2018

Publications

Environmental Law Update: Uncertainty about the time limit for filing a groundwater
contamination claim in North Carolina
11.04.2014

Law of the Little: Federal Court Sends Conditional Registrations of Nanosilver Pesticides Back to
EPA
11.30.2013

2013 North Carolina Environmental Legislation Summary
07.31.2013

Woosley's Guest Column in Triad Business Journal: "How to Buy (or Not Buy) Contaminated
Property"
05.01.2010