

## Brooks Pierce Government Affairs Specialist to Co-Chair Transition Team for UNC System Interim President

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Chris McClure, a government affairs and public policy advisor in the Raleigh office of Brooks Pierce, has been named co-chairman of the newly appointed eight-member transition team for the interim president of the University of North Carolina System, Dr. William L. Roper.

Roper, who assumed this role on Jan. 16, oversees the 17 institutions of the University of North Carolina System. The transition team will provide guidance and advice to Roper as he adjusts to this new role.

McClure is an experienced communications, lobbying and campaign professional. He represents organizations in the communications, manufacturing and medical sectors before the N.C. General Assembly. He received his bachelor's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in political science.

"This is an exciting time for the University of North Carolina System, and I am both excited and humbled to be a part of this team that assists President Roper as he guides the system through this period of change," McClure said.

Before joining Brooks Pierce, McClure worked for North Carolina Congressmen Patrick McHenry and Mark Meadows. He has held a number of leadership positions in campaigns and politics, including serving as the executive director of the North Carolina Republican Party and working for the campaigns of presidential candidate and Texas Governor Rick Perry. He also previously served as a communications and government affairs coordinator for the N.C. Technology Association. In 2013, McClure was named one of the "Most Influential Lobbyists" in North Carolina by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.