

## Brooks Pierce Partner Named to N.C. Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice

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Brooks Pierce partner Kearns Davis has been appointed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin to the newly created North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice. Davis will serve on the commission's Criminal Investigation and Adjudication Committee.

The commission's membership is composed of key stakeholders within the justice system as well as leaders in the private and public sectors. It will undertake a comprehensive evaluation of North Carolina's justice system and make recommendations for strengthening the courts within the existing administrative framework. The commission will finalize its findings and recommendations in a series of reports that will be presented to the Chief Justice and made available to the public in early 2017.

"These respected and innovative leaders will provide the direction necessary in this era of change, ensuring that the justice system works for all," Martin said. "They bring with them decades of experience in the state and federal judiciaries, business and nonprofit communities, legal education and private practice."

Davis, who is president-elect of the North Carolina Bar Association, leads Brooks Pierce's white-collar defense and investigations practice and handles a wide range of federal and business litigation. He previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina and as a law clerk to the late Chief Judge Sam J. Ervin III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and he has taught trial advocacy at the University of North Carolina and Elon University law schools.

"I am honored to be appointed," Davis said. "I look forward to working with Chief Justice Martin and the commission's other members to shape and strengthen North Carolina's judicial system for the future."

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