

## Mark Davidson Receives Distinguished Service Award

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Brooks Pierce partner Mark Davidson recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Business Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. The award was presented during the section's annual meeting in Pinehurst.

A 1983 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, Mark has practiced with the firm since 1987.

He served as chair of the Business Law Section from 2005 to 2007. It was under his leadership that the Business Law Section established the North Carolina Lawyers for Entrepreneurs Assistance Program, better known as NC LEAP.

A public service program of the NCBA Foundation, NC LEAP provides low-income entrepreneurs with pro bono legal assistance ranging from basic transactional matters to the development of long-term client-counselor relations. The program was unveiled in June 2007 and now extends into all 100 North Carolina counties.

In addition to writing and speaking frequently on various law-related topics, Mark has also provided the section with exemplary leadership on the legislative front. "One of Mark's strengths and contributions to the field of business law," stated colleague June Basden in presenting the award, "is his past and continuing efforts in the legislative process, drafting and promoting legislation which benefits us as business lawyers and business people."

Outside of his practice, Mark is active in a number of civic endeavors, including Preservation Greensboro, Inc., where he served as president in 2010-11. He has also served as president of the Nat Greene Kiwanis Club and the Triad Youth Lacrosse Association, and as a board member of Piedmont Triad Partnership and the Piedmont Entrepreneurial Network.

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