

Nineteen Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in Business North Carolina's 2016 "Legal Elite" and "Hall of Fame"

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Thirteen Brooks Pierce attorneys have been recognized by their peers for inclusion in the 2016 edition of *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite," a listing of the state's top lawyers in business-related categories. In addition, six Brooks Pierce attorneys were named to the "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame.

Business North Carolina is the state's leading business magazine. Each year, the publication sends ballots to members of the North Carolina Bar Association who live in North Carolina. Voters are asked one question: "Of the Tar Heel lawyers whose work you have observed firsthand, whom would you rate among the current best in these categories?" Voters are not allowed to vote for themselves, and may only select members of their own firms if they also select out-of-firm lawyers in the same categories, with the out-of-firm votes weighted more heavily. Attorneys receiving the most votes in their respective categories become permanent members of the "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame. For more information about the "Legal Elite" methodology, visit <http://businessnc.com/special-sections/legal-elite/>.

The Brooks Pierce attorneys named to *Business North Carolina's* 2016 "Legal Elite" are:

- Arty Bolick for Construction
- Kate Clayton for Bankruptcy
- John Cross for Business
- Kearns Davis for Criminal Defense
- Tricia Goodson for Employment
- Anna McLamb for Real Estate
- Jeff Oleynik for Antitrust and Bankruptcy
- Jim Phillips for Litigation
- David Sar for Intellectual Property
- Adam Tarleton for Tax and Estate Planning
- Walt Tippet for Construction

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- Thomas Varnum for Intellectual Property
- Ed West for Criminal Defense

The Brooks Pierce attorneys recognized as members of the "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame are:

- Charles Baldwin for Business
- Mark Davidson for Business
- Gary Parsons for Litigation
- George House for Environmental
- Jennifer Van Zant for Antitrust
- Jim Williams for Litigation

PEOPLE

Charles S. Baldwin IV

H. Arthur Bolick II

John Cross Jr.

Mark Davidson

Kearns Davis

Patricia Goodson

George W. House

Jeffrey E. Oleynik

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