

## U.S. News Recognizes Brooks Pierce in 2010 Best Law Firm Rankings

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U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers have released the 2010 Best Law Firms rankings, marking the inaugural publication of this highly-anticipated annual analysis.

Brooks Pierce is pleased to be recognized as a Tier One firm in Raleigh for Media & First Amendment Law and in Greensboro for Antitrust Law, Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Education Law, Environmental Law, General Commercial Litigation, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Natural Resources Law, Non-Profit / Charities Law, Real Estate Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates Law, and Water Law.

Additionally, Brooks Pierce is a Tier Two firm in Raleigh for Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions Law and a Tier Two firm in Greensboro for Employment Law - Management, Intellectual Property Law, and Labor Law - Management.

The rankings are based on national surveys in which major clients and leading lawyers were asked to rate the law firms they consider best in their practice area.

These reputational survey responses were combined with more than 3.1 million evaluations of individual lawyers in the most recent Best Lawyers survey of leading lawyers. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.