

# Bob King

Partner



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Bob King has more than 25 years of experience in a variety of litigation matters and environmental law, and has been widely recognized as a leading litigator and trusted advisor by his clients and peers. Bob also serves as the firm's General Counsel.



#### PRACTICE AREAS

Education  
Employment  
› Employment Litigation  
Environmental  
Litigation  
› Antitrust Litigation  
› Appellate  
› Class Action  
› Complex Business Litigation  
› Federal Litigation  
› IP Litigation  
› Mediation & Arbitration  
› North Carolina Business Court

#### INDUSTRIES

Accounting & Professional Services  
Agribusiness  
Banking, Investment & Financial  
Services  
Education  
Insurance  
Not-for-Profits  
Real Estate  
Retail  
Technology  
Transportation  
Utilities

#### EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law  
J.D., 1988, *magna cum  
laude*; Articles Editor, *Wake  
Forest Law Review*, 1987-88  
University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte  
B.A., 1984

#### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina  
US Court of Appeals  
4th Circuit  
Federal Circuit  
US District Court - North Carolina  
Western District  
Middle District

## MY PRACTICE

Eastern District

## LITIGATION

Bob's litigation practice includes numerous trials in federal and state court, including matters handled in North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Ohio, Florida, Illinois, Delaware and Tennessee. Bob represents clients on a variety of issues, including toxic tort, shareholders' disputes and wrongful death.

Among Bob's more notable appellate cases are [Curl v. American Multimedia \(N.C. App.\)](#) and [Shavitz v. City of High Point \(N.C. App.\)](#). In Curl, Bob represented defendants facing multiple toxic tort and groundwater contamination claims. His clients' success stands as the leading toxic tort decision under North Carolina law. In Shavitz, Bob represented the Guilford County Board of Education in a dispute as to whether local school systems are entitled to the proceeds of fines imposed under "red light camera" laws and ordinances. The victory for the Board of Education resulted in millions of dollars in recoveries for school systems state-wide.

Other successes include a preliminary injunction in federal court preventing the poaching of a client's sales agents, a jury verdict of \$6,300,000 against the North Carolina Department of Transportation, a jury verdict for a furniture retailer for wrongful termination of a distributorship agreement, and successful settlement of claims against two clients who had been sued relating to the Duke Lacrosse controversy.

Bob also has extensive experience representing parties in shareholders' disputes. Recent decisions include a complete victory (including an award of attorneys' fees) in Texas State Court relating to ownership of a 45 percent interest in the defendant corporation, as well as a sweeping preliminary injunction against officers and directors who were accused of corporate malfeasance.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Bob has extensive experience in the field of environmental law, with years of work involving CERCLA/Superfund, UST, Clean Air Act, asbestos, RCRA, and toxic torts. Bob has worked on environmental matters across the country, including North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kentucky, California, Florida, Arkansas, and Ohio. Unlike most practitioners in the environmental field, Bob has considerable [experience litigating environmental matters](#), including in state court, federal court, and in administrative proceedings.

## HONORS

Fellow, [American College of Trial Lawyers](#)

Fellow, [American Bar Foundation](#)

Recognized by [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#) for Environmental Law (2007-2018)

Selected by his peers for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#) in Commercial Litigation and Environmental Law (2007-2019)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "[Legal Elite](#)" in Environmental Law (2006-2008, 2013-2014) and Litigation (2012-2014)

Recognized in [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#) (Thomson Reuters) in Environmental Law (2008-2018)

Recognized in [Super Lawyers Business Edition](#) for Environmental Law (2015)

Recognized in [Benchmark Litigation](#) as a "Future Star" (2015-2018)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member, Board of Directors, [Greensboro Historical Museum](#)

Member, North Carolina State Committee, [American College of Trial Lawyers](#)

Member, Trial Lawyer's Legal Ethics and Professionalism Committee, [American College of Trial Lawyers](#)

Director, [Greensboro Bar Association](#)

Elder, [Fellowship Presbyterian Church](#)

Former Trustee, [Greensboro Natural Science Center](#)

Former Member, Environmental Section Council, [North Carolina Bar Association](#)

Former Member, Appellate Rules Committee, [North Carolina Bar Association](#)

Former Chair and Board Member, [Presbyterian Counseling Center](#)

Brooks Pierce Case Recently Certified as Class Action, August 15, 2018

Brooks Pierce Partner Bob King Quoted in The Daily Reflector, April 25, 2018

Bob King Recognized for Litigation Work in Reuters Legal, December 6, 2017

Brooks Pierce Attorneys, Practice Areas Earn Top Rankings from Chambers USA, May 26, 2017

Brooks Pierce Files Potential Class Action Suit Regarding the Constitutionality of the Doctrine of Necessaries, February 8, 2017

Brooks Pierce Files Class Action Lawsuit Against Syngenta on Behalf of North Carolina Farmers, February 6, 2015

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Represent School Boards in Key Cases, February 1, 2014

2013 North Carolina Environmental Legislation Summary, August 1, 2013

Court of Appeals Affirms Client's Holdings in Texas Company, May 13, 2013

Bob King Inducted as Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, October 23, 2012

The American College of Trial Lawyers, composed of preeminent trial lawyers in the U.S. and Canada, inducted Brooks Pierce partner Robert J. King III as a Fellow at its 62nd annual meeting in New York City on October 21. The induction occurred in...[Read more](#)

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Greensboro Lawyers and the Rights of State Citizenship, September 13, 2011