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Clint Pinyan has an extended and varied practice focused on government regulation of businesses and professionals. He advocates for his clients and advises them in a variety of settings, concentrating on complex business and commercial litigation, administrative and regulatory law.

MY PRACTICE

REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Clint represents both regulators and regulated businesses and professionals, giving him extensive experience on both sides of the regulatory process. Clint serves as general counsel to the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy and has represented other state and local government agencies, counties and municipalities. He also represents regulated persons before agencies such as the Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners, the Psychology Board and the Social Work Certification and Licensure Board. Clint has litigated dozens of administrative hearings in North Carolina.

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative and Regulatory
Education
Health Care
Litigation
› Antitrust Litigation
› Class Action
› Complex Business Litigation
› Federal Litigation
› North Carolina Business Court
› Professional Liability Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Accounting & Professional Services
Banking, Investment & Financial
Services
Health Care
Technology
Trade Organizations

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law
J.D., 1995, with high honors; Order of
the Coif; Staff Member, University of
Chicago Law School Roundtable,
1994-95

Wake Forest University
B.A., 1991, *summa cum laude*
with honors in history; Phi Beta
Kappa

CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Chief Judge Frank W.
Bullock, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle
District of North Carolina, 1995-96

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
North Carolina
US Supreme Court
US Court of Appeals
4th Circuit
6th Circuit
9th Circuit

Clint also advises businesses and professionals and litigates on their behalf on regulatory issues. He has litigated numerous antitrust, government contracting, health care and other cases focusing on both federal and state trade and commercial regulation and government programs. From 2009-2010, Clint served as chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Section, and he has served that section in a variety of other capacities.

D.C. Circuit
US District Court - North Carolina
Western District
Middle District
Eastern District

COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION

Clint has a varied practice in complex business and commercial litigation. His litigation frequently revolves around federal and state trade and professional regulatory issues. On behalf of businesses large and small, he has litigated numerous antitrust, government contracting, health care and other cases focusing on trade and commercial regulation and government programs. From 2009-2010, Clint served as Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section (now called the Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Section), and he has served that section in a variety of other capacities.

Clint has also defended numerous cases alleging professional negligence brought against national and regional accounting firms, law firms and other professionals.

He litigates other cases in areas as diverse as securities, finance, tax, insurance coverage, intellectual property, real property, constitutional law, labor and employment, employee benefits, personal injury, and construction.

HEALTH CARE

Clint represents health care organizations, professionals and regulators on a wide range of legal issues and in a variety of forums, including litigation, administrative practice and advising. Clint's perspective on health care law has been shaped by representing both government health care regulators and regulated businesses and professionals, giving him extensive experience on both sides of the health care regulatory process. Clint serves as general counsel to the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy and has represented several other state and local government agencies, counties and municipalities in North Carolina and elsewhere on health care matters. In addition, he represents health care professionals before their licensing boards. Clint has litigated dozens of health care cases through the administrative hearing process in North Carolina, as well as in courts throughout the state.

Clint frequently serves as a presenter on pharmacy and other health care issues to national, state and local organizations.

APPELLATE LITIGATION

Clint maintains a dynamic practice in appellate litigation. He came to Brooks Pierce after practicing for three years in the appellate section of an international law firm, where his practice focused on representing clients in federal appellate courts and in the United States Supreme Court. Clint has continued his appellate practice at Brooks Pierce, in both state and federal appellate courts, in a wide variety of matters. For a decade, Clint served on the Bar Association's Appellate Rules Study Committee, which is responsible for recommending changes to North Carolina's appellate rules.

HONORS

Selected by his peers for inclusion in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)© in Commercial Litigation (2013-2020)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "[Legal Elite](#)" in Antitrust Law (2012, 2018)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chair (2009-10), Member (2004 – present) and other positions, Section Council, Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Law Section, [North Carolina Bar Association](#)

Awards Committee (2019-present), Member (2013 – present), Section Council, Administrative Law Section, [North Carolina Bar Association](#)

Member, Appellate Rules Study Committee (1999-2009), and Litigation and Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Sections, [North Carolina Bar Association](#)

Member, [Greensboro Bar Association](#)

[Leadership Greensboro](#), Class of 2006

Member, Emerging Leaders Steering Board (2004-2009), Volunteer Coordinator of the Year (2005), [United Way of Greater Greensboro](#)

Member, PTA Executive Board, [Brooks Global Studies Extended Year Magnet School](#) (2005-06)

Active Volunteer and Awards Chairman, Boy Scout Troop 101 (2012– present)

Active Member, [Westover Church](#) (1999-present)

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Author, "What is Hemp? Is it even legal?" *Business North Carolina Law Journal*, September 2019

Speech, "**Federal Trade Commission v. North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners: Antitrust Scrutiny of Occupational Licensing Boards and the Implications for Boards of Pharmacy**," Annual Meeting of MALTAGON (association of boards of pharmacy in southeastern states), October 2013

Speech, "*Competition Issues Concerning Medical and Dental Boards*," Annual Meeting of the Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Law Section, February 2012

Speech, "**Federal Trade Commission v. North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners: Antitrust Scrutiny of Occupational Licensing Boards and the Implications for Regulation in North Carolina**," Annual Pharmacy Leaders Forum (meeting of state pharmacy regulators, pharmacists and pharmacy schools), September 2011

Speech, "*Licensing Board Cases and Contested Issues*," Annual Meeting of the Administrative Law Section Annual Meeting, February 2010

Course planner and presenter, "*Data Security and Privacy in the Age of Smartphones and Social Networking*," Annual Meeting of the Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Law Section, February 2009

What is Hemp? Is It Even Legal?, September 13, 2019

Bill Introduced in General Assembly to Create NC Hemp Commission and Promote Private Hemp Industry, March 20, 2019

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

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Brooks Pierce Partner Discusses NC Open Meetings Act at Occupational Licensing Agencies Best practices Seminar , May 13, 2015