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George House has worked in every area of environmental law and litigation since the birth of the practice in the 1970s. A seasoned environmental litigator, George represents his clients on matters related to mining law, water law, air compliance, and hazardous waste.

MY PRACTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

George has experience in virtually every area of environmental law and focuses his practice on matters related to mining law, water law, hazardous waste and substances, and air compliance. He represents a wide range of clients, including textile manufacturing companies, furniture manufacturing companies, foundries, mining companies, integrated forest products, producing and manufacturing companies, real estate developers, metallurgical companies, oil products distribution companies, communication companies, and a large number of municipal governments.

George continues to be widely recognized by his peers and clients for his work. He has been included in [*The Best*](#)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Corporate
Environmental
Litigation
Real Estate

INDUSTRIES

Agribusiness
Construction & Development
Hospitality
Real Estate

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law
J.D., 1972; Notes and Comment
Editor, *Virginia Journal of
International Law*, 1971-72
Davidson College
B.A., 1969, *cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina
Virginia
US Supreme Court
US Court of Appeals
1st Circuit
3rd Circuit
4th Circuit
11th Circuit

Lawyers in America®, North Carolina Super Lawyers, Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite," and Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, which noted in its 2019 guide that "peers describe him as 'very knowledgeable.'"

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

George has extensive litigation experience before administrative hearing offices, judges, juries, and appellate courts. His experience includes: successfully obtaining permits based upon complex Environmental Impact Statements; the finalization of innovative agreements for the cleanup of contaminated properties; the litigation to favorable judgment of CERCLA cost recovery cases; the successful litigation of several major insurance coverage cases; the resolution of air permitting issues in numerous states; and the defense and favorable resolution of major Clean Water Act citizen suits.

HONORS

Recognized as a "2018 Power Player," by *Triad Business Journal*

Selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® in Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Water Law, Litigation – Environmental, and Mining Law (1989-2020)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina Magazine's "Legal Elite"* in Litigation (2005), and Environmental and Natural Resources Law (2002-2004); also permanently recognized in the "Legal Elite Hall of Fame" for Environmental Law

Recognized by North Carolina Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters) in Environmental Litigation (2006-2020); Top 100 (2007-2008)

Recognized by Super Lawyers Business Edition for Environmental Litigation (2015)

Recognized by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business in Environmental Law (2004-2019)

Received the 2013 Ed Kitchen Award from Downtown Greensboro Inc. for Community Service and Leadership

Served as Captain, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (1969-1976) and was awarded an MSM

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board of Directors, Greensboro Science Center (2014 – present)

Board of Directors, Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (2014 – present)

Appointment by the North Carolina Governor to Chair the Advisory Commission for the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (2000-2013), and Member (1995-2014)

Member, Board of Directors, Downtown Greensboro, Inc. (DGI) (2006-2014)

Member, Board of Visitors, Guilford College (2001-2009)

Chair (2001-02), Vice Chair (2000-2001), Secretary (1999-2000), Treasurer (1998-1999), of the Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources Law Section, North Carolina Bar Association

Director (1990-2002), Vice President for Development (2002), President (1997-1999), and Recording Secretary/Legal Advisor (1990-1995), Greensboro Opera Company

President, UNCG Angels Theatre Support Group (1989-1991)

Member, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Legal Counsel, [Greensboro United Arts Council](#) (1988-2003)

Director, Guilford County Cattleman's Association (1988-1990)

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Panel on "Public-Private Partnerships," *Piedmont Triad Commercial Real Estate Women*, Continuing Legal Education, November 7, 2018

Panel on "Due Diligence: What Can and Should be Done and How to Negotiate to Allocate Risk in Commercial Real Estate Transactions," Annual Meeting of the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section of the *North Carolina Bar Association*, April 23-24, 2010

Panel on DENR Reorganization, "State of the State and Playing by the New Rules," *North Carolina Bar Foundation*, Continuing Legal Education, January 30, 2008

"Public Participation in Constructing a Safer Building," Workshop on Building Vulnerability and Protection against Chemical and Biological Agents, *North Carolina A&T State University*, November 9, 2005

Partner George House Mentioned in Article on CFPUA Suit, October 30, 2017

Partner George House Quoted on Role of State in Monitoring Pollutants, July 31, 2017

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

Brooks Pierce Partner George House Awarded Certificate of Appreciation by EPA, May 22, 2014

Brooks Pierce Attorney Receives Downtown Greensboro's Ed Kitchen Leadership Award, October 6, 2013

2013 North Carolina Environmental Legislation Summary, August 1, 2013

Environmental Lawyers Successful in PCS Phosphate Permitting Matter, June 15, 2012

House Chairs N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission, June 1, 2008

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

George House Speaks on Public-Private Partnerships at Piedmont Triad Commercial Real Estate Women Event, November 19, 2018