

## Brooks Pierce Partner Certified as a Specialist in Appellate Practice

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Charles Coble, a partner in the Raleigh office of Brooks Pierce, was recently certified by the North Carolina State Bar as a specialist in Appellate Practice. He is one of only 34 attorneys in North Carolina with the certification, according to the State Bar's website.

The North Carolina State Bar certifies lawyers as specialists in designated practice areas as a service to the public by identifying lawyers who have demonstrated special knowledge, skill and proficiency in certain areas of law. The program also gives lawyers a recognized and respected way of making their expertise known to the public and other lawyers.

To receive his certification, Coble had to demonstrate he had been substantially involved in appellate practice for at least five years and has taken continuing legal education courses focused on appellate law for the last three years. He also had to pass a written exam and undergo a stringent peer review process.

"Brooks Pierce's litigation practice has a strong reputation throughout the state, and Charles receiving this certification only strengthens the depth of experience and knowledge we are able to bring to our clients," said Reid Phillips, managing partner of Brooks Pierce. "I know Charles has spent considerable time and energy working toward this certification, and all of us at the firm are very proud of him for receiving it."

Coble has been involved in more than 25 appeals, arguing cases in front of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the North Carolina Supreme Court and the North Carolina Court of Appeals. In these and other cases, he has represented businesses and individuals on a wide variety of issues, including bet-the-company litigation, franchise disputes, significant contract disputes, intellectual property matters, class actions, and construction disputes.