

Brooks Pierce Partner Admitted as a Fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers

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Brooks Pierce partner Kearns Davis was recently inducted as a new Fellow into the [American College of Trial Lawyers](#) one of the premiere legal associations in North America, at an event in Montreal. He joins five other Brooks Pierce partners – Bob King, Dan McGinn, Reid Phillips, Mack Sperling and Jim Williams – in this prestigious group.

“We are delighted to have another Brooks Pierce attorney named as a Fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers,” said Phillips, the firm’s managing partner. “At Brooks Pierce, we aim to always demonstrate the highest standards of our profession. To have so many of our partners recognized in this way, I think, is a testament to those efforts and to the quality of legal advice and counsel we provide to our clients.”

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best trial attorneys from the United States and Canada. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics and the administration of justice through education and public statements on the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice and fair and just representation of all parties in legal proceedings.

Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only to experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years of trial experience before they can be considered. Membership in the College cannot exceed 1 percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. They are currently about 5,800 members in the United States and Canada.

“I am humbled and honored,” Davis said. “The American College of Trial Lawyers includes many of the attorneys I most respect and admire. To join them is a special privilege.”

Davis heads Brooks Pierce’s white-collar criminal defense and investigations practice and handles a wide range of federal and business litigation. He previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina and as a law clerk to the late Chief Judge Sam J. Ervin III, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He

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recently completed a one-year term as president of the North Carolina Bar Association. Davis teaches trial advocacy at the University of North Carolina School of Law, and he has previously taught at the Elon University School of Law and the U.S. Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center.