

Brooks Pierce Attorneys Present Continuing Legal Education on Possible Ethical Pitfalls in Internal Investigations

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Brooks Pierce recently sponsored an event for Triad members of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) in Greensboro. Attorneys Shana Fulton, Daniel Adams and Kearns Davis delivered a continuing legal education presentation entitled “Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls While Investigating a Corporate Crisis” to in-house counsel from companies throughout the Triad.

In the presentation, Fulton, Adams and Davis discussed potential ethical dilemmas corporate counsel may encounter while investigating white-collar crime and compliance issues. Ethical factors include today’s corporate environment of transparency, society’s social media usage to air workplace grievances and government encouragement of corporate self-reporting. The discussion was framed around a hypothetical investigation of corporate embezzlement by senior executives amidst sexual assault allegations and the threat of a shareholder civil suit.

Adams, a former New York City litigator, represents individuals, small businesses and large corporations in government investigations, white-collar criminal prosecution and complex business litigation. Davis, a former federal prosecutor and leader in the firm’s white-collar defense and investigations practice, represents clients in federal and complex business litigation in trial and appellate courts across the country. Fulton, also a former federal prosecutor, represents businesses and individuals in investigations and white-collar and complex civil litigation.

The ACC is a global bar association that promotes the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel through education, information, advocacy initiatives and networking opportunities. The ACC has more than 35,000 members employed by over 10,000 organizations worldwide.