

Brooks Pierce Partner Appointed to Agricultural Finance Authority

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Brooks Pierce partner Howard Williams was recently appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper as a member at-large of the North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' divisions have responsibilities in regulatory and service areas covering agronomy; animal health; weights and measures; gas and oil inspection; crop and livestock statistics; USDA commodity distribution; state farm operations; food, drug and cosmetic testing for purity; soil and water conservation; forest management and protection; state and federal agricultural legislation; and agricultural economic analysis.

Williams has nearly 40 years of experience representing privately held companies and their shareholders. His diverse practice includes representation in connection with tax planning and litigation, general corporate work, employee benefits and executive compensation, and aviation matters. Williams' undergraduate degree was in agricultural economics from North Carolina State University and he continues to maintain his family farm.