

Brooks Pierce Sponsors Project Democracy 20/20 Exhibit at Greensboro History Museum

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Brooks Pierce is proud to be a sponsor of the Greensboro History Museum's Project Democracy 20/20 Exhibit.

Project Democracy 20/20 is a major Greensboro History Museum initiative exploring American democracy through exhibitions, public programs and innovative community connections. "North Carolina Democracy" opened in the temporary galleries in June 2019 and expands the North Carolina points of change included in American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith. A portion of the exhibit honors the outstanding career of former Brooks Pierce attorney and Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court Henry Frye.

Frye, who retired from Brooks Pierce in 2016, broke many racial barriers during his long and storied career. In 1963, he was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, one of the first African Americans to be appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney in the South. In 1968, Frye became the first African American to be elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in the 20th century. He served in the state House for 12 years and was then elected to a two-year term in the North Carolina Senate. In 1983, Frye became the first African American appointed to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and in 1999 he was appointed Chief Justice, another first. When he left the bench in 2001, Frye returned to private practice, joining Brooks Pierce, where he focused on appellate advocacy, mediation and commercial arbitration.

To learn more about the Project Democracy 20/20 Exhibit, click [here](#).