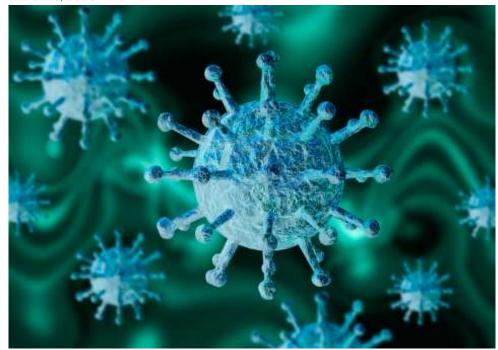


## Brooks Pierce Launches COVID-19 Response Team

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Leading law firm Brooks Pierce has assembled a multi-disciplinary response team to provide up-to-date counsel on a wide variety of legal and compliance issues arising from the COVID-19 outbreak. The webpage <a href="COVID-19 Response">COVID-19 Response</a> Resources will be regularly updated with useful information for businesses as they seek to navigate this uncertain environment.

In December 2019, a novel coronavirus that causes the condition COVID-19 began an outbreak of respiratory illness in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. It has since had a massive impact on global business and travel, including the closure of businesses and schools in North Carolina.

"Brooks Pierce is closely monitoring the rapidly changing situation in order to provide timely guidance and support for our clients," said Reid Phillips, the firm's managing partner. "As a part of those efforts, we felt it was important to merge all of our insight and resources into one place. Our hope is this will not just help businesses weather the current environment but be better prepared for the future once the immediate crisis has passed."

Members of the COVID-19 response team can advise on the following practice areas and issues:

Banking/Securities/Corporate Finance

Bankruptcy/Financial Restructuring

Business Disruption/Contracts/Force Majeure

Construction

Compliance with State and Local Regulations

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