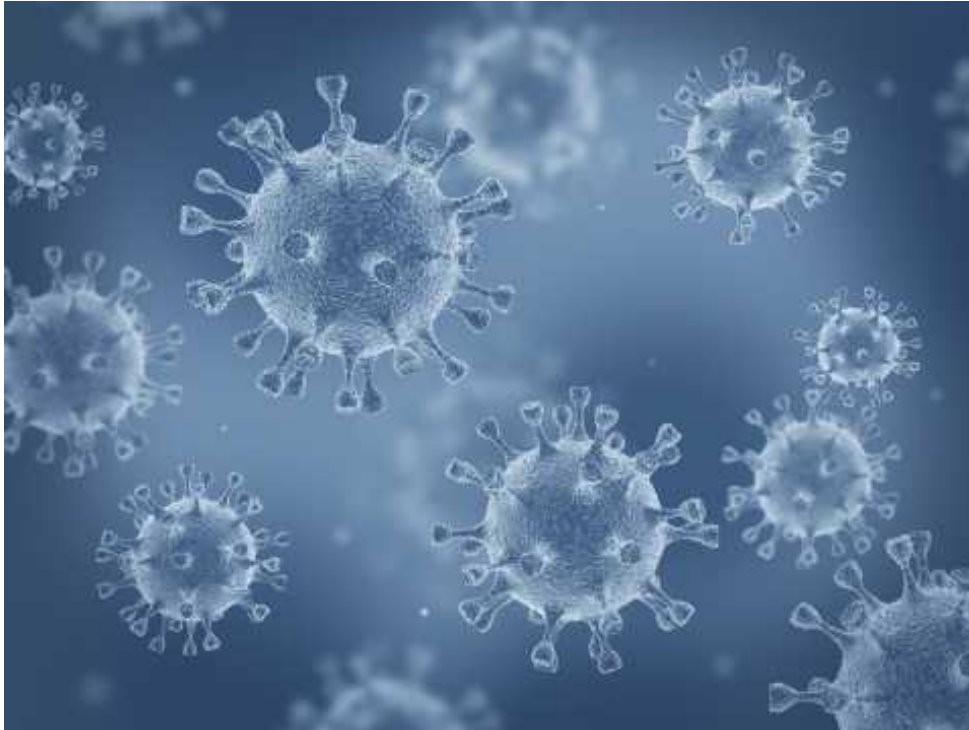


## Brooks Pierce Partners Participate in North Carolina Bar Association Expert Series CLE

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Brooks Pierce partners Kearns Davis and D.J. O'Brien addressed North Carolina lawyers on pandemic-related fraud as part of the North Carolina Bar Association's (NCBA) July Expert Series Continuing Legal Education (CLE). The Expert Series features a single program each month, available on demand to all NCBA members.

The video presentation, "Following the Money: The False Claims Act and the Federal Pandemic Response," explores the fundamentals of the False Claims Act (FCA) and its implications in the aftermath of COVID-19. Davis and O'Brien draw on their experiences to forecast the coming wave of civil and criminal enforcement that historically follows large government stimulus programs.

Davis leads the firm's white-collar defense and investigations practice and handles a broad range of federal and business litigation, including those brought under the False Claims Act. A former Assistant U.S. Attorney, he has tried jury cases at all levels of federal and North Carolina trial courts, and he represents clients in federal trial and appellate courts around the country. Davis served as President of the North Carolina Bar Association from 2016-17 and as President of the Federal Bar Association's Middle District of North Carolina Chapter from 2010-11.

As part of his business litigation and white-collar investigations practice, O'Brien regularly represents individuals and corporations from a variety of industries, including the health care, construction, academic, and technology sectors, in claims asserted under the False Claims Act. He presently serves on the Local Civil Rules Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and as President of Middle District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

To access the CLE, click [here](#).