

## D.J. O'Brien Selected for NC Bar Association Leadership Academy

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Brooks Pierce attorney D.J. O'Brien has been selected for the inaugural class of the North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy. He is one of just 16 young lawyers chosen from a pool of 79 applicants.

The new leadership training program is designed by the NCBA's Young Lawyers Initiatives Task Force in cooperation with the Center for Creative Leadership. The mission of the Academy is to "help young lawyers become effective leaders in their communities, whether their communities be the legal profession, their firms, legal departments or other workplaces, other organizations with which they are associated, or their local, state, national or even international communities, or any other environments where lawyers regularly have calls or opportunities for leadership."

D.J. practices in the areas of commercial litigation, labor and employment, white-collar criminal defense, and special investigations. As a civil litigator, D.J. has represented clients in cases pending in all levels of federal and state trial courts in North Carolina, including the North Carolina Business Court.