

Twenty-one Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite" and "Hall of Fame"

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Sixteen Brooks Pierce attorneys have been recognized by their peers for inclusion in the 2015 edition of *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite," a listing of the state's top lawyers in business-related categories. In addition, Brooks Pierce partner Charles Baldwin was inducted into the "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame, becoming the fifth Brooks Pierce attorney to be selected for inclusion in this group.

Business North Carolina is the state's leading business magazine. Each year, the publication sends ballots to members of the North Carolina Bar Association who live in North Carolina. Voters are asked one question: "Of the Tar Heel lawyers whose work you have observed firsthand, whom would you rate among the current best in these categories?" Voters are not allowed to vote for themselves, and may only select members of their own firms if they also select out-of-firm lawyers in the same categories, with the out-of-firm votes weighted more heavily. Attorneys receiving the most votes in their respective categories become permanent members of the "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame. For more information about the "Legal Elite" methodology, visit <http://www.businessnc.com/LegalElite>.

The Brooks Pierce attorneys named to *Business North Carolina's* 2015 "Legal Elite" are:

- Marc Bishop for Business
- Arty Bolick for Construction
- Wes Camden for Criminal Law
- John Cross for Business
- Kearns Davis for Criminal Law
- Anna McLamb for Real Estate
- Jeff Oleynik for Antitrust and Bankruptcy
- Jim Phillips for Litigation
- Reid Phillips for Litigation
- Bill Ross for Environmental
- David Sar for Intellectual Property
- John Small for Bankruptcy
- Adam Tarleton for Tax/Estate Planning

- Walt Tippett for Construction
- Thomas Varnum for Intellectual Property and “Young Guns”
- Ed West for Criminal Law

The Brooks Pierce attorneys permanently recognized as members of the “Legal Elite” Hall of Fame are:

- Charles Baldwin for Business (2015 inductee)
- Mark Davidson for Business
- George House for Environmental
- Jennifer Van Zant for Antitrust
- Jim Williams for Litigation