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Anthony Pierce is a litigator who has handled a variety of complex disputes in state and federal courts, including commercial litigation, intellectual property, employment matters and internal investigations. He is the partner in charge of the firm's Washington, D.C. office and a member of the firm's management committee.

Practice & Background: Pierce's litigation and trial experience covers a diverse group of industries, including technology and telecommunications, health care, energy, entertainment and media, financial services and government contracting.

As an outgrowth of his service as an investigator for the U.S. Government Accountability Office during law school, Pierce also has significant experience in internal investigations. He has conducted internal investigations to determine possible civil and criminal liability for clients for accounting fraud, employee misconduct and theft of intellectual property. Both his litigation and investigative experience have involved representing numerous clients before a plethora of federal and state regulatory and investigative agencies, including the FDA, FTC, FCC and state attorneys general.

Pierce received his J.D. in 1987 from the Georgetown University Law Center where he served as the case and notes editor of the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*.

Pierce is a frequent speaker on legal issues ranging from how to conduct internal investigations to the unique aspects of litigating in the "rocket docket." He has also spoken on how to structure software licenses to protect against future litigation. In his management capacity, Pierce has been a frequent speaker on diversity issues facing the legal community.

Community Involvement: Pierce takes an active role in addressing legal and business issues facing the greater Washington, D.C. community. He has served on numerous boards and assisted with various philanthropic fundraising activities. He served as a board member of Washington 2024, an organization formed to promote Washington, D.C.'s bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games. Pierce is past president and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, serves on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia's Advisory Committee on Pro Se Litigation and is a member of the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure. He is past-chair of the Greater Washington Board of Trade and a member of the Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2002.

Awards & Accolades:

- 2014 Power 100, *Washington Business Journal*
- 2013 Most Admired CEO, *Washington Business Journal*
- 2012 Minority Business Leader, *Washington Business Journal*
- Legal Elite, *Virginia Business*
- Top Washington Lawyer, *Washington Business Journal*
- Top 25 Verdicts from the Past 25 Years, *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*
- Washington, D.C. *Super Lawyers* (2016)



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