

# Parker Poe Celebrates 25th Anniversary in Columbia

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP is pleased to announce the firm is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Columbia. In November 1996, Parker Poe opened its Columbia office with two attorneys and one legal professional. Today, the Columbia office has 22 attorneys, 17 legal professionals, and nine consultants who have deep relationships across South Carolina's business, health care, and government sectors.

"Our office is focused on serving the Columbia community," Office Managing Partner Ray Jones says, "through providing thoughtful solutions to our government, health care, and business clients and contributing our time to the USC School of Law and numerous local nonprofits. We are excited about our future and hope to spend the next 25 years fostering growth in the Columbia community."

"Developing relationships of trust with clients is the most important aspect of what a true counselor does, and we have remained focused on that as we've built this office," says partner David Summer, who helped open the Columbia office and currently serves on Parker Poe's board of directors. "We are grateful for the relationships we have developed with leaders in health care, banking, real estate, and other industries here, and we remain committed to our clients and community partners."

Parker Poe was among the first law firms in the city to create a consulting arm to help clients with a wider range of their needs. Sixteen years later, Parker Poe Consulting has grown to provide state and local government relations, site selection and economic development, and local government management and consulting services. The success of the consulting model has led Parker Poe to replicate it in Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

## About Parker Poe

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP was founded in 1884 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Today, the firm has more than 230 lawyers in eight offices in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. The firm provides legal counsel to many of the largest companies and local governments in the Southeast.

Parker Poe is a member of two leading international legal networks: TerraLex and the Employment Law Alliance. TerraLex and the ELA have chosen Parker Poe to help guide clients through the challenges of global business.

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