

Judson H. Turner

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Education

Juris Doctor – 2000 – University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

- UVA Law Student Peer Advisor
- State Farm Exceptional Student Fellowship
- Harry J. Breithaupt, Jr. Kappa Alpha Educational Scholarship

A.B. Economics/Political Science – 1997 – University of Georgia, Athens, GA

- Graduated *summa cum laude* from the Honors' Program
- UGA Student Government Association - President
- Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
- Blue Key National Honor Society
- Order of the Greek Horsemen

Teaching Experience

- Special Topics in the Law – POLS 4780 (Fall 2023) – University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- Tri-State Water Wars – POLS 4785 (Fall 2024) – University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- Water Law (School of Law) – JURI 4828 (Spring 2025, Spring 2017) – University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Professional Experience

August 2023 – Present – PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR – University of Georgia - School of Policy and International Affairs and School of Law – Athens, GA

August 2022 – Present – ADJUNCT – Albany State University, Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center – Albany, GA

Engaged in the development of Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit Application for the State of Georgia's Agricultural Water Withdrawal Permitting Program

- Funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant No. GA-0011368, Lower Flint River Basin Deep Aquifer Well Installation and Monitoring Project

January 2017 – Present – PARTNER – Gilbert Harrell Sumerford & Martin, P.C.

General environmental law practice focused on regulatory compliance, permitting and environmental policy development

- Well-versed in a broad array of environmental matters involving water, waste and air regulation at both the state and federal levels

September 2016 – June 2017 – PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE - University of Georgia School of Law – Athens, GA

Professor (Practitioner-In-Residence), Water Law - JURI 4828 (Spring 2017)

September 2016 – December 2016 - SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL - Fla. v. Ga., Orig. Action No. 142, United States Supreme Court – Atlanta, GA

Counsel for State of Georgia in the equitable apportionment case filed by the State of Florida involving the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin and in matters related to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) Basin, including litigation and interstate compact negotiations

December 2014 - September 2016 - DIRECTOR - Governor's Office of Interagency Coordination and Management of Water Resources – Atlanta, GA

- **February 2014 - September 2016 - SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COUNSEL FOR INTERSTATE WATER MATTERS – Atlanta, GA**

Central manager for Governor Deal of the state's efforts to defend original action suit filed in the US Supreme Court by Florida for equitable apportionment of the waters of the ACF Basin

January 2012 - June 2016 - DIRECTOR - Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Atlanta, GA

Served as the state's chief environmental regulator responsible for water, air and land environmental regulatory programs for the State of Georgia. Managed state agency of 750 employees with \$125M annual budget.

August 2008 – 2011 – FOUNDING PARTNER – Georgia360 Public Affairs, Atlanta – GA

Full public affairs practice included government relations – state, federal and local lobbying; communications – public relations, media relations and crisis communication; and business development – government procurement, economic development and business development.

June 2008 - 2011 – FOUNDING PARTNER – Turner, Bachman & Garrett, LLC – Griffin, GA & Marietta, GA

Practice included administrative and regulatory law, government relations and litigation, with particular focus on water resource, general environmental and education law matters

June 2008 - 2011 - SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COUNSEL to Governors Sonny Perdue and Nathan Deal - Atlanta, GA

Counsel to the Governor on negotiations between the states of Alabama, Florida and Georgia related to the ACF and ACT river basins and on matters involving Georgia's other shared river basins.

2007 - 2008 – EXECUTIVE COUNSEL – Governor Sonny Perdue – Atlanta, GA

- **2005 –2007 – DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COUNSEL – Governor Sonny Perdue**

Counsel to the Governor on wide array of executive branch legal matters, including issues related to the state budget process, judicial appointments, government procurement, education policy, retirement pensions and other post-employment benefits, ethics and litigation.

2003 – 2005 – GENERAL COUNSEL – Georgia Department of Education – Atlanta, GA

Counsel to the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board of Education, and senior Department of Education staff on a wide array of legal and policy issues. Established and managed the Department's General Counsel's Office.

2000–2002 –ASSOCIATE–Bradley, Arant, Rose & White LLP – Birmingham, AL
Represented commercial clients in general civil trial practice in federal and state courts.

Presentations

- *Hot Topics in Environmental Policy and Law in Georgia*, Regional Business Coalition (May 15, 2024)
- *Environmental Update*, Technical Committee, Georgia Mining Association (May 23, 2024)
- *Interstate Water Conflicts: Equitable Apportionment, the Endangered Species Act, and Other Litigation: Where the Battle Lines Are Being Drawn*, American Society of Irrigation Consultants (2018 National Conference)
- *Special Presentation: Georgia Environmental Protection Division Water Law Update*, 15th Annual Georgia Water Law and Regulation, the Seminar Group, (March 22, 2016).
- *Key Water Issues in the State of Georgia: Update and Future Issues*, (Tri-State Water Issues; Water Control Manuals in the ACT and ACF Basins; Georgia’s Erosion and Sedimentation Act; EPA and the Corps’ Waters of the U.S. Rulemaking; Status of the Savannah River TMDL; Georgia’s Anti-deg Guidance; Nutrient Management Issues; Status of the State Water Plan and Updates to the Regional Councils Plans), 14th Annual Georgia Water Law and Regulation, the Seminar Group, (February 27, 2015).
- *Congressional Testimony* before the United States Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works, “Oversight of Army Corps of Engineers Water Management in Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Systems,” (July 22, 2013).
- Statement of Judson H. Turner, http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/7ba8c80c-33bb-413c-97fb-9961a09e6850/72213hearingwitness testimonyturner.pdf
- *Distinguished Lecture*, Jones Ecological Center, (August 28, 2013)

Other Publications

- *Habitat Conservation Plan Feasibility Report for Lower Flint River Basin*, with Mark Masters, Allen Barnes and Kristin Rowles (2019)
- *Tweaking river’s flow*, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 14, 2015
- *Unfounded concerns, rumors surround revision of Flint River Drought Protection Act*, Albany Herald, March 9, 2014
- *Discharge levels may vary, but they still protect*, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 2, 2013

Professional Recognition

2016 - *100 Most Influential Georgians* - Georgia Trend Magazine

2013 - Distinguished Lecturer, Jones Ecological Center at Ichauway Plantation

2011 - *40 Under 40* - UGA Alumni Association’s Inaugural 40 Under 40 designation

2008 - *40 Under 40* - Georgia Trend Magazine

Bar Admissions

Georgia – May 2004; Mississippi – April 2001(inactive); Alabama – September 2000 (inactive)