

# Government Law Section & Administrative & Regulatory Law Committee

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

*by order of presentation*

### **Adam Neil**

*Managing Counsel for Litigation, S.C. Department of Revenue  
Columbia, SC*

Adam Neil became the Managing Counsel for Litigation at the South Carolina Department of Revenue in January 2019. In addition to litigating both tax and regulatory matters for the SCDOR, Adam provides oversight of all aspects of civil, criminal, and administrative litigation to the Department's Office of General Counsel for Litigation. Adam spent sixteen years in private practice with Murphy & Grantland, P.A. before entering public service. In addition to his work with the SCDOR, Adam has served as Assistant General Counsel for the South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority. He has tried over forty cases to verdict and has handled matters in the state Court of Appeals and Supreme Court as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

A native of Frankfort, Kentucky, Adam obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Kentucky, *magna cum laude*. He went on to law school at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia where he was the Judge S. Leslie Mestrezat scholar and a member of the moot court board.

Adam has served in leadership with a variety of civic and professional organizations, most recently as a member of the boards of directors of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association and Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center. He is currently a deacon at Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia. Adam is married to Courtney Neil, and they have four children.

### **The Honorable Florence P. Belser**

*Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Columbia, SC*

Florence P. Belser is a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission of South Carolina representing the 2nd Congressional District. Ms. Belser attended the College of Charleston, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, and she earned her Juris Doctor at the

University of South Carolina School of Law. Commissioner Belser is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association.

Upon graduation, she served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable James “Mac” Morris from 1988 to 1990. She worked as an associate in private practice before serving as an assistant solicitor for South Carolina’s Third Judicial Circuit from 1991 to 1993. From 1993 to 2004, Commissioner Belser worked at the PSC as a staff attorney, deputy general counsel, and executive assistant to the PSC Commissioners. In 2004, she joined the newly formed Office of Regulatory Staff as general counsel, a position she held until her election to the Commission in February 2019. Ms. Belser was sworn in as a Commissioner on February 19, 2019.

For over 40 years, Commissioner Belser volunteered to work with Palmetto Girls State, a leadership and citizenship program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. She served as the director and committee chair for Palmetto Girls State for 27 years before stepping down from this role in June 2019.

### **Comer H. Randall**

*Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Clinton, SC*

Comer H. “Randy” Randall was elected to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in 2013. He was elected Chairman of the PSC in July 2018. He has served on the Committee on Gas and is currently serving on the Committee on Water and the Sub-Committee on Nuclear Issues – Waste disposal. He was appointed by NARUC President Rob Powelson of Pennsylvania as Co-Vice chair of the NARUC Committee on Water in January of 2017. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC and holds a Masters Degree from the University of Georgia. Prior to becoming a Commissioner, he spent a total of 17 years on Clinton, SC City Council holding the office of Mayor for the last 10 years. While Mayor he served as Chairman of Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, National Chair for the American Public Power Policy Makers Council, and Chairman of the Board of Clinton - Newberry Natural Gas Authority. In 2013, he was President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Randall worked for Presbyterian College for over 35 years in Alumni Relations as well as starting the Women’s Basketball Program in 1977 and serving as the first coach. He is married with two daughters and four grandchildren.

### **Jocelyn Boyd**

*Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC*

Jocelyn Boyd, the Chief Clerk with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in International Business, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina. She was hired as a staff attorney with the Commission in 1999 and was employed as the Agency's Deputy Clerk from January 2005 until February 2010 before serving as the Interim Chief Clerk from February 2010 through July 2010. In July of 2010, she assumed the role of Chief Clerk.

**Nanette S. Edwards**

*South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff  
Columbia, SC*

Nanette S. Edwards is the Executive Director at the S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff. Nanette joined the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) in 2005. A native of Charleston, South Carolina, she is a graduate of Erskine College and holds a law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Before joining the ORS, Nanette served as a vice president and regulatory attorney for ITC^DeltaCom where she represented the company before state and federal agencies and managed all regulatory litigation activities. At the ORS, Nanette first served as a staff attorney in the ORS Legal Department before being promoted to Deputy General Counsel and then to Chief Counsel and Director of Legal Services. While serving as Chief Counsel, Nanette also led the ORS Telecommunications Department. She became Deputy Executive Director of the ORS in 2014 and Executive Director for the agency in 2018.

**Jeffrey M. Nelson**

*South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff  
Columbia, SC*

Jeff Nelson is Chief Legal Officer at South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff. Jeff is a native of Jackson, Michigan, and is a graduate of Furman University where he earned a B.A. in history. He also holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He has over 30 years of experience practicing law in South Carolina. Prior to joining ORS, he served as an attorney with the Public Service Commission and, prior to that, the South Carolina Department of Revenue. Jeff is a member of Lexington Baptist Church, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Jeff and his wife Deborah reside in Lexington.

**Andrew Bateman**

*South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff*

*Columbia, SC*

Andrew Bateman is General Counsel at the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff. Andrew joined the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff in 2014. Andrew is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, and is a graduate of Clemson University where he earned a B.A. in Biology with a minor in Environmental Policy in December of 2009. Andrew holds a juris doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He has 6 years of experience practicing law in South Carolina. Most recently, he was an attorney with the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina. Andrew is a member of Columbia Presbyterian Church and the South Carolina Bar Association. Andrew and his wife, Beaty, reside in Columbia with their children Mattie and Bennett.

**The Honorable Ralph King “Tripp” Anderson III**

*South Carolina Administrative Law Court*

*Columbia, SC*

Ralph King Anderson, III (Tripp) was born and raised in Florence, South Carolina. He attended Francis Marion University and graduated cum laude in August 1980 with a Bachelor of Science. He attended the University of South Carolina School of Law and was the recipient of the Julius B. Ness Scholarship. He graduated from USC Law School in 1984.

Tripp began his legal career at the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office where he prosecuted numerous criminal cases of all types and handled a wide variety of civil litigation.

On May 25, 1994, Tripp was elected to Administrative Law Judge Seat No. 6 and re-elected in 1996, 2001 and 2006. On May 13, 2009, he was elected Chief Administrative Law Judge and was re-elected to that position in 2014 and 2019.

Tripp has spoken numerous times at SCAARLA Seminars, CLE’s, and USC School of Law on administrative law issues.

Tripp is married to Linda Corley Anderson and lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

**Jana Shealy**

*South Carolina Administrative Law Court*

*Columbia, SC*

Jana E. Shealy is the Clerk of Court at the South Carolina Administrative Law Court. She has been employed by the Court since its inception in 1994 where she initially was the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Judge. She also served as the Deputy Clerk until her appointment as Clerk in 2002. Prior to her service at the Court, she was the office manager for the Re-Elect Thurmond Committee in 1990 and served as a Staff Assistant for U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond in Columbia until November 1991. Subsequently she worked for the Honorable David H. Wilkins as Administrative Assistant to the South Carolina House Judiciary

Committee and later as the Executive Assistant to Speaker *Pro Tempore* Wilkins. Mrs. Shealy graduated from Clemson University in 1988 with a B.A. degree in Political Science.

## **Harvin Fair**

*South Carolina Administrative Law Court  
Columbia, SC*

### **Course Planner**

Elizabeth Harvin Belser Fair (Harvin) was raised in Summerton, South Carolina. She graduated from the College of Charleston in 1981 and the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1984. After graduation from law school, Harvin clerked for a Circuit Court judge, the Honorable James M. Morris.

Harvin clerked for the Honorable Wm. Thurmond Bishop at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina for 12 years. She also worked with a Chapter 7 trustee and a chapter 13 trustee as a staff attorney.

Harvin worked as an attorney for the Department of Social Service twice: first in the Charleston Office of Child Support Enforcement and then in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in protective services. In addition, Harvin was a certified veterans benefit specialist with the regional office of the Veterans Administration in Columbia, South Carolina.

Harvin has been working as a law clerk for the Honorable Ralph King Anderson, III at the South Carolina Administrative Law Court since 2011.

Harvin is married to Hane Fair and lives in Columbia, South Carolina.