

Environment & Natural Resources Section/Administrative & Regulatory Law Committee

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Dawn K. Miller

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Dawn is an Assistant General Counsel with SCDHEC, where for the past three years she has provided legal counsel and representation for the Department's Bureau of Air Quality and Bureau of Environmental Health Services. Dawn's experience at SCDHEC has included litigation, regulatory and permitting work, and client counseling on an array of air quality, food safety, onsite wastewater, and other environmental and environmental health issues. Dawn currently serves as a member on the S.C. Bar's Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee and on the S.C. Bar's Drone Task Force. A Columbia, South Carolina native, Dawn completed her undergraduate studies at Brandeis University and obtained her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2010. Before coming to SCDHEC, Dawn practiced in Washington, D.C. with a focus on federal environmental and natural resources law, including litigation under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, NEPA, FLPMA, and other laws. Outside of work, Dawn serves as a Board member for Columbia Jewish Community Center and enjoys travel, good food, and overly competitive tennis matches with her husband, Justin.

Michael S. Traynham

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Michael is a 2004 graduate of the South Carolina Honors College and a 2007 graduate of the South Carolina School of Law. He has been with SCDHEC since 2014 and is currently the Chief Counsel for Environmental Quality Control. In this capacity he works with the agency's environmental attorneys to provide legal counsel to SCDHEC's various environmental programs. Michael has represented the agency's interests in a variety of matters including: 401 Water Quality Certifications, NPDES permit challenges, Voluntary Cleanup Contracts, Superfund matters, and litigation involving both surface water and ground water quantity issues. Additionally, Michael has advised the South Carolina Dam Safety Program since 2014 and served as the agency's designee on the South Carolina General Assembly's Petroleum Pipeline Study Committee from 2016-2017. Michael serves as a Council Member for the South Carolina

Bar's Environment and Natural Resource Section and serves on the Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee.

Prior to his time with DHEC, he practiced in the areas of tax law, securities regulation, and insurance and government liability defense. He is married with three daughters. Michael is also a board member with Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands and attends Columbia Crossroads Church. He enjoys hiking, running, craft beer, science fiction (written or on screen, of both good and dubious quality), and spending time with his family.

Jessica Boynton

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Since 2013, Ms. Boynton has served as the Shoreline Specialist for DHEC's Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) office. As the Shoreline Specialist, she manages technical projects including shoreline mapping, hazard vulnerability, historical aerial image processing, and beach profile monitoring. Prior to working for OCRM, she served as the GIS Manager for the Marine Resources Division of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Her background and focus is on geospatial research and management. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Western Maryland College and a Master of Science degree in Biology from Murray State University.

Elizabeth von Kolnitz

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Elizabeth von Kolnitz is the Chief of the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. She manages and directs the overall functions of OCRM including direct permitting activities, and implementation of the state's coastal zone management program. She serves as a member of the Department's Environmental Affairs management team. She has been with the Department since 2005 and previously served under OCRM's Coastal Service Division developing and implementing special policy and planning initiatives including ocean energy planning, and emergency management planning and coordination.

Before coming to DHEC, Elizabeth worked for the SC Department of Natural Resources' Marine Resources Division as the Assistant Director for Public Affairs. She holds bachelor's degrees in Economics from Clemson University and in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina. She also holds Associate Public Manager and Certified Public Manager credentials from the state's Department of Administration.

Stacy K. Taylor

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Stacy Taylor is an Environmental and Regulatory attorney with the McNair Law Firm. For over 18 years, Stacy has represented clients in all facets of environmental law. Serving clients in regulatory and transactional matters; property acquisition and development, including brownfields development; complex enforcement actions by state and federal agencies; permitting and permit appeals; NEPA compliance; environmental remediation and cleanup; litigation over environmental cleanup costs and toxic tort claims; and the regulation of energy production, including renewable energy projects. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina, his masters in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia and his Bachelor of Science from Clemson University.

The Honorable Ralph King “Tripp” Anderson, III

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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 Law School 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. 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.

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Pam is a shareholder with the firm’s environmental practice where she assists with the defense of state and federal environmental enforcement actions related to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), and other environmental and health statutes and regulations. She advises energy clients on the full range of environmental regulations affecting energy production, including the development and operation of renewable energy projects. She also provides counsel in complex Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Act

(CERCLA) negotiations with the EPA and the State, as well as in matters related to brownfield redevelopment and landfill compliance.

Pam's practice also involves representing clients before the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in negotiating air and water permits, voluntary cleanup contracts, and renewable/sustainable energy project permits. Pam routinely appears before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court representing clients in environmental permitting appeals.

E. Harvin Fair

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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 6th 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.