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Education

Florida State University College of Law
J.D., 2003, *magna cum laude*

Florida State University
B.S., Economics & International Affairs, 2000, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Alabama, 2003
Florida, 2004
Tennessee, 2008
District of Columbia, 2015

About Jeffrey

Jeff Wood is a federal policy lawyer who counsels businesses, associations, and other clients primarily in the environmental, natural resources, energy, and maritime contexts. He has handled complex regulatory, legislative, and litigation matters for electric utilities, maritime companies, real estate developers, financial institutions, industrial companies and manufacturers, business coalitions, associations, small businesses, and individual property owners. A significant part of Jeff's law practice includes advising companies involved in nuclear energy regulatory and policy matters, as well as advising clients on water resources, clean air, and endangered species issues across a broad range of business concerns. To achieve positive results for his clients, Jeff draws on many years of experience as an in-house corporate attorney and senior staffer on Capitol Hill.

From 2011 to 2014, Jeff served as environmental and energy counsel to Senator Jeff Sessions, a member of the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works. He also served as the Republican Staff Director for the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air & Nuclear Safety in the 113th Congress and the Republican Staff Director for the Senate Subcommittee on Water & Wildlife in the 112th Congress when Senator Sessions was the top Republican on those subcommittees. In 2016, he served as a policy advisor on the Donald J. Trump presidential campaign.

Q&A

How are you involved in your community?

I currently serve on the board of directors of an inner-city, parochial school serving the children of the Anacostia area of Washington D.C. My wife and I enjoy volunteering at the school as well.

Which courts or agencies do you most often appear before on behalf of your clients?

I am often asked by clients to help identify and execute solutions to complex policy challenges. I have prepared testimony for witnesses asked to appear before congressional committees and have helped clients draft legislation and amendments. Recently, I was retained on a pro-bono basis by the chairman of the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee to author and file an amicus brief in the D.C. Circuit in a high profile environmental case. The amicus brief was ultimately joined by over 200 members of Congress. Beyond these experiences, I have been able to work successfully with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and other federal and state agencies to successfully accomplish client objectives.

What types of clients do you represent?

What previous experiences, prior to your work at Balch, influence your practice?

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Recent appellate work: Filed an amicus brief on behalf of 205 members of Congress in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in lawsuit challenging legality of EPA climate regulations.

Rulemakings: Drafted comments on behalf of electric utilities constructing nuclear power plants in response to EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan regulation, and successfully achieved revisions to final rule addressing concerns raised in comments submitted to the agency.

Nuclear energy: Advised nuclear power companies concerning NRC requirements and policy matters.

Congressional testimony: Prepared written testimony on behalf of corporate executive testifying before congressional committees on energy policy.

Agency information requests: Successfully resolved EPA Clean Water Act Section 308 investigation.

Environmental enforcement: Successfully resolved Clean Water Act enforcement issue against company where EPA alleged violations of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program requirements.

Environmental issues in transactions: Advised lenders and property owners concerning environmental issues in real estate transactions including, among other things, requirements for completion of all appropriate inquiry for liability protections.

Administrative litigation: Represented industrial client before the state environmental commission in litigation and compliance efforts related to state indirect discharge permit.

Water resources: Represented coalition of cities, businesses, non-profit organizations, and ports in litigation in state administrative tribunals and courts concerning commercial navigation along an interstate river system.

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Professional Affiliations

Community Involvement

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