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Present Position Current focus on North Carolina and the Southeast. with reach to national regulatory community, including FCC and FERC.
Principal in Sanford Law Office; Partner in Blount Street Advisors, LLC.

Areas of Expertise Regulated industries--- legal, legislative and regulatory issues
Governmental Relations – local, state and federal
Communications—broadband deployment, marriage of IT
& energy efficiency and transition in markets
Energy---efficiency, conservation, generation & rates
Water---regulatory, legislative and policy

Experience

NC Utilities Commission	1995-2006
Commission Chair	1997-2006

Appointed by Governor James B. Hunt and reappointed by Governor Mike Easley. Provided leadership to the Commission during a period of rapid change including gas price volatility, electric restructuring, Smokestack Legislation and massive technological and market change in communications industry.

NC Department of Justice, Attorney General’s Office	1975-1995
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Special Deputy Attorney General
Represented State of NC in environmental matters, including civil and criminal cases before Court of Appeals and NC Supreme Court. Led one of largest sections, representing numerous state agencies – including Department of Insurance and State Health Plan – as well as ratepayers in utilities matters.

Education and Training

Certified Mediation Training, Mediation, Inc. Chapel Hill, NC, 2006
Makerere University, Net-Tel Africa, Kampala, Uganda, 2003
Aspen Institute, Telecommunications Conferences, 2002 & 2004
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, State and Local Government Executives Program, 2002
Center for Creative Leadership, Executive Management, 1986
Michigan State University, Regulatory Studies Program, 1983
Juris Doctor, UNC – Chapel Hill School of Law, 1975
BA, Political Science, North Carolina State University, 1972

**Professional
Affiliations**

North Carolina State Bar
North Carolina State Bar Association
Wake County Bar Association
10th Judicial District Bar
Susie Sharpe Inns of Court
American Bar Association

**Admitted to
Practice**

All state and federal courts in North Carolina
4th Circuit Court of Appeals and United States Supreme Court

**Boards and
Commissions
(Current *)**

State Employees Credit Union--Board of Directors *
NC State University--Board of Visitors *
NC State University--Graduate School Board of Advisors *
MicroCell Corporation, Cary, NC-- Board of Directors *
Sustainable North Carolina--Board of Directors *
Burning Coal Theatre--Board of Directors*
Trinity United Methodist Church--Board of Trustees Chair*
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners--Board
Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utilities Commission
FCC's North American Numbering Council
Universal Service Administration Corporation--Board of Directors
National Regulatory Research Institute--Chair, Board of Directors
FCC Section 706 Joint Conference member (Broadband Deployment)
NC Tax Review Board
NC Energy Policy Council
NC Geographic Information Systems Board
NC Agency for Public Communications

Awards

Order of the Long Leaf Pine, 2007
Outstanding Government and Public Sector Attorney, Bar Association
Government & Public Sector Section, 2003
Distinguished Women of NC Award for Government Service, 2000
YWCA Academy of Women, 1999