



ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE UPDATE 2025

ALABAMA STATE BAR ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW SECTION

June 27, 2025
Island House DoubleTree Hotel
Orange Beach, Alabama

AGENDA

7:30 Continental Breakfast

8:15 Welcome and Introduction

Claire B. Johnson, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)
James L. Noles, Jr, Esq, Auburn University College of Forestry, Wildlife,
and Environment (Auburn)

**8:30 – 9:30 Federal Environmental Legal and Regulatory Update, Part 1:
New Administration, New Approach**

Delaney L. Beier, Esq, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)
Meredith Burgess Dunn, Esq, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)
Evan Ward, Esq, Kazmarek Mowrey Cloud Laseter (Birmingham)

9:30 – 9:45 BREAK

**9:45 – 10:45 PFAS Litigation: Evidentiary Hurdles and Sampling, Handling,
and Testing Issues**

Paul Jackson, Pace Analytical (Ormond Beach, FL)
Olivia Cain, Geosyntec Consultants (Tampa, FL)
Akira Watson, Esq, Cory Watson (Birmingham)
John Milledge, Esq, PG, Moderator (Birmingham)

**10:45 – 11:30 Federal Environmental Legal and Regulatory Update, Part 2:
New Frontiers for NGO's**

Sarah Stokes, Esq., Southern Environmental Law Center (Birmingham)
Joi L. Travis, Esq, Alabama Sierra Club (Birmingham)

11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:45 Alabama Department of Environmental Management Update
S. Andrew Phillips, Esq., Alabama Department of Environmental Management Office of
General Counsel (Montgomery)

**1:45 – 2:45 Alternative Energy Sources: Legal and Practical Issues for Energy Providers
and Landowners**

Jane Calamusa, Esq, Rosen Harwood (Tuscaloosa)
Katlyn S. Caldwell, Esq, Southern Company (Birmingham)
T. Sheree Martin, Esq, Energy Alabama (Birmingham)
William S. Cox III, Esq, Moderator, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)

2:45 – 3:15 BREAK

3:15 – 4:00 Best Practices for Working with Environmental Regulators

Chris Blankenship, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
(Montgomery)
Anthony Todd Carter, Esq, General Counsel, Alabama Department of Environmental Management
(Montgomery)
Grady Moore, Esq, Moderator, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)

4:00 – 5:00 Ethical Considerations of AI Use in the Practice of Law

Roman Shaul, Esq, General Counsel, Alabama State Bar (Montgomery)

Following the program, there will be a complimentary reception at the Island House Hotel
