



# ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE UPDATE 2025

ALABAMA STATE BAR ENVIRONMENTAL  
LAW SECTION

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

## AGENDA

### **8:15 Welcome and Introduction**

Claire B. Johnson, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)  
James L. Noles, 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, 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 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 Cater, Esq, General Counsel, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (Montgomery)  
Grady Moore, Esq, Moderator, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)

**4:00 – 5:00    Ethics from the General Counsel**

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

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

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