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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Coastal States Organization**, Washington, DC 12/07 – Present  
*Executive Director*

Manage Coastal States Organization which represents the Governors from the 35 coastal States and Territories on federal, legislative, and policy issues relating to coastal, Great Lakes, and ocean management. Represent states' interests in appropriations, reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act, and legislative efforts toward adapting to climate change and managing coastal and marine renewable energy. Testify on appropriations and legislative priorities. Maintain financial and operational health of the organization, manage grant and contract obligations.

**Marine Affairs Institute, Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program**, Bristol, RI 10/03 – 12/07  
*Director, Lecturer of Marine Law*

**National Sea Grant Law Center**, Oxford, MS 1/02 – 9/03  
*Director*

**Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program**, Oxford, MS 7/97 – 9/03  
*Director (1/00 – 9/03); Research Counsel (7/97 - 12/99); Adjunct Professor of Law (6/00-5/03)*

## **EDUCATION**

**Lewis & Clark Law School**, Portland, OR 1998  
Master of Laws in Environmental & Natural Resources Law

**University of Notre Dame Law School**, Notre Dame, IN 1996  
Juris Doctorate, Law  
*Honors:* Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Team  
*Journal of Legislation*, Administrative Editor, Legislative Reform Writer, Editor  
Dean's Award for Energy Law, 1995

**Auburn University**, Auburn, AL 1993  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Spanish, *magna cum laude*  
*Honors:* Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society  
Spanish, Political Science, Freshman Honor Societies

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE**

**Collaborative Institute for Oceans, Climate & Security Board of Advisors** 2010 - Present

**Rhode Island Sea Grant Senior Advisory Council** 2008 – Present

**South Carolina Bar**, Licensed Attorney 1997 – Present

**Mississippi Bar**, Licensed Attorney 1998 – Present

**Environmental Leadership Program**, Fellow, Senior Fellow 2003 – Present

**The Coastal Society**, President, Board Member and Conference Co-Chair 2001 - 2010