

John J Truitt

Deputy Secretary, Regulatory Programs
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Florida native, attorney, and combat veteran with more than a decade in government leadership positions and lengthy legal career in the regulatory realm. History of leadership, complex problem solving, implementing innovative solutions, and energy and environmental regulation.

EXPERIENCE

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Tallahassee, FL

Deputy Secretary of Regulatory Programs

Feb 2017- Dec 2022, Feb 2025-Present

Chief Advisor to the Deputy Secretary

Mar 2016-Feb 2017

Oversee implementation of environmental regulations and agency policy through Divisions of Air, Water, Waste, Law Enforcement, six District offices, the Office of Emergency Response, and the Florida Geological survey consisting of 1,171 FTE's and a budget of just over \$475 million; ensure integration of Regulatory Programs with Land and Recreation and Ecosystems Restoration to protect air, water, and land; engage stakeholders across the state on regulatory issues; improve regulatory certainty, clarity, and permit processing; ensure consistent enforcement of regulations and timely completion of remedial actions; support passage of priority legislation; develop regulatory strategies to implement executive policy; negotiated largest groundwater cleanup consent order in Florida; spearheaded Section 404 assumption process; coordinated multiple emergency response efforts to include Hurricanes Irma, Michael, and Ian as well as Piney Point response; lead coordination with state and federal agencies; lead negotiator on several multi-million dollar settlements.

Gray-Robinson, PA

Tallahassee, FL

Attorney, Shareholder

Jan 2023-Feb 2025

Advise clients on environmental regulatory matters across all media, including air, water, and waste; assist in litigation ranging from discovery and witness preparation to writing appellate briefs; current cases involve a full range of clients, such as individual homeowners, national and international companies, and municipalities and counties; lobbying the legislature for changes to environmental laws as a subject matter expert and engaging the EPA, Army Corps, Florida DEM, FWS, and FWCC on behalf of clients on a range of environmental issues.

Florida Office of Public Counsel

Tallahassee, FL

Associate Public Counsel

Sept 2014 – Mar 2016

Review, analyze, and litigate, on behalf of Florida's citizens, utility cases before the PSC; extensive discovery and briefing practice; briefed, argued, and won *Citizens v. Art Graham, et al.* (SC15-95, 113, 115) before the Florida Supreme Court; interact with and address customer issues involving regulated utilities; present the Office of Public Counsel's position on federal regulations at conferences; review and analyze proposed environmental regulations to advise the Public Counsel; negotiate multi-million dollar settlements affecting industry and citizens; draft comments for proposed federal regulation.

Florida Public Service Commission

Tallahassee, FL

Chief Advisor for Commissioner Eduardo Balbis

Sept 2013 – Sept 2014

Review and analyze Commission filings; advise Commissioner on policy and legal implications of Commission decisions with a particular emphasis on environmental regulations, energy policy, and legal procedure/requirements; legislative analysis; draft comments for state and national legislation; prepare presentations; liaise with other state agencies and legislators regarding energy and policy issues; engage and coordinate stakeholder outreach.

Department of Health, Prosecution Services Unit

Tallahassee, FL

Attorney/Senior Attorney/Section Manager

Nov 2010 – Jun 2013

Supervise 13 attorneys and oversee a section caseload averaging around 1,800 cases; Board presenter and lead attorney for the Boards of Nursing, Pharmacy, and Osteopathic Medicine; draft and review proposed legislative changes; work closely with Board Counsel during rule-making; POC for all investigative offices regarding Pharmacy related questions; review and revise Board agendas; evaluate complex case files; draft and review pleadings, admissions and interrogatories, administrative complaints, emergency suspension/restriction orders, orders compelling examinations, and closing orders; conduct settlement negotiations; present cases to probable cause panels; prepare and try cases at DOAH; train new attorneys in Department procedures and trial at DOAH.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Tallahassee, FL

Law Clerk

May 2008 – Sept 2008; Sept 2009 – Oct 2010

Settlement negotiations; prepared and acted as qualified representative for DBPR at DOAH; acted as prosecutor for informal hearings; case review; drafted administrative complaints, orders, and other departmental documents; bill analysis; trained other law clerks to prepare cases and prosecute at DOAH; worked with both unlicensed activity and Hotels and Restaurants.

Hopping Green & Sams

Tallahassee, FL

Law Clerk, Summer Associate

Oct 2008 – Aug 2009

Legal research; drafted legal memoranda and motions; assisted with development of reference manuals for federal and state regulations regarding wetlands and offshore exploration; updated published articles; created summary of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009; drafted bill summaries for annual legislative update; evaluated proposed rules and legislation; drafted case law updates.

United States Army

2/75 Ranger Regt, C Co 1/5, and A Battery 1/125 MNC Iraq

Team Leader/Squad leader and Ops. NCO

Jan 1999 – May 2002; Aug 2005 – Aug 2007

Directly supervised up to nine soldiers during combat operations overseeing command and control; developed mission plans; controlled and coordinated operations of up to 100 soldiers; assigned as unit instructor for wide variety of classes ranging from Equal Opportunity to Military Rules of Engagement; coordinated and led various training exercises.

Tower Hill Insurance Group

Gainesville, FL

Security Team Leader

Aug 2002 – Jun 2005

Oversaw facility security of multi-million-dollar complex; trained new employees; maintained OSHA standards for 13-acre complex; developed emergency response plan for 500 employees; coordinated VIP events.

EDUCATION

Florida State University College of Law

Tallahassee, FL

J.D. Cum Laude with Environmental Law and Land Use Certificate May 2010