

**Biography of E. Wade Ballou, Jr., Legislative Counsel
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Regarding Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations**

Biography

Wade Ballou was appointed Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives on July 1, 2016. He has been drafting legislation for the Office of the Legislative Counsel since 1983 and has worked in many areas of Federal law during his drafting career, including areas relating to natural resources, Native Americans, veterans, foreign affairs, and intelligence issues. From 1996 to 2016, Wade concentrated in tax and public debt matters.

Wade earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia (1983) and his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry, Industrial Forestry Operations option, and a Cooperative Education Certificate in Forestry from Virginia Tech (1980).