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George House practices in the field of environmental law. He has experience in virtually every substantive and procedural matter involving environmental law, with extensive litigation experience before administrative hearing offices, judges, juries, and appellate courts.

Some cases George has recently handled involved successfully obtaining permits based upon complex Environmental Impact Statements, the finalization of innovative agreements for the cleanup of contaminated properties, the litigation to favorable judgment of CERCLA cost recovery cases in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Massachusetts, the successful litigation of several major insurance coverage cases in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Massachusetts, the resolution of air permitting issues in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Florida, and the defense and favorable resolution of major Clean Water Act citizen suits.

George represents textile manufacturing companies, furniture manufacturing companies, foundries, mining companies, integrated forest products producing and manufacturing companies, real estate developers, metallurgical companies, oil products distribution companies, communication companies, and a large number of municipal governments on environmental matters.

Practice Areas

Environmental
Litigation
Construction

Education

University of Virginia, J.D.,
1972, Southern Regional
Scholar; President, Phi Alpha
Delta; Notes and Comment
Editor of the *Virginia Journal of
International Law*, 1971-72

Davidson College, A.B., *cum
laude*, 1969, Omicron Delta
Kappa

Honors & Awards

- Served as Captain, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (1969-76) and was awarded an MSM
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White), Natural Resources and Environmental Law since 1989
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers* in Water Law and Mining Law
- Recognized as a member of *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame in Environmental Law, having received top billing in this category for 2005
- Selected for inclusion in the 2005 "Legal Elite" for Litigation
- Listed as a "Leader" in North Carolina in Environmental Law by Chambers USA, *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Environment, 2004-07
- Recognized by *North Carolina Super Lawyers* in Environmental Law, 2008-12

Professional & Community Activities

- Chair (2001-02), Vice Chair (2000-01), Secretary (1999-2000), Treasurer (1998-99), of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, North Carolina Bar Association
- Member, Board of Visitors, Guilford College, 2001--
- Appointment by the North Carolina Governor to Chair the Advisory Commission for the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, 2000--, and Member, 1995--
- Member, Board of Directors, Downtown Greensboro, Inc. (DGI), 2006--
- Director (1990-2002), Vice President for Development (2002), President (1997-99), and Recording Secretary/Legal Advisor (1990-95), Greensboro Opera Company
- President, UNC-G Angels Theatre Support Group, 1989-91
- Member, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Legal Counsel, Greensboro United Arts Council, 1988-2003
- Director, Guilford County Cattleman's Association, 1988-90
- Trustee, New Garden Friends Meeting
- Various committee Chairmanships, Greensboro Kiwanis Club

Bar & Court Admissions

- North Carolina
- Virginia

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 11th Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court