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EDUCATION

J.D., University of South Carolina, 1986
B.A., University of South Carolina, 1982, *cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa
Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership, Columbia International University,
2021, Columbia, S.C.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

South Carolina, 1986
District of Columbia, 2004
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1992
United States Supreme Court, 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mullikin Law Firm, LLC – Principal
February 2011 – Present
- Moore & Van Allen, PLLC – Senior Partner
February 2001 – January 2011
- Nukem Nuclear Technologies – General Counsel
2000 – 2001
- Safety Kleen – Vice President / Chief Counsel
1998 – 2000
- Mullikin Law Firm – Principal
1989 – 1998
- McNair Law Firm – Associate
1988 – 1989
- Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP – Associate
1986 – 1988
- Office of the US Senator Ernest Frederick "Fritz" Hollings (including service on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) subcommittee)
1980 – 1986

Senior Environmental Attorney

- Representation of a wide range of clients including the United Nations and foreign countries and numerous Fortune 100 companies.

- Managed complex energy and environmental issues, both domestically and internationally
- Provided litigation support before the United States District Court, United States Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court
- Performed environmental due diligence for large corporate transactional work
- Environmental Management Systems Auditor and conducted sustainability studies for multinational corporations, universities, and domestic and international governments
- Selected by the United States Vice President Joe Biden to serve as a private sector representative at the 2016 U.S. - Caribbean - Central American Energy Summit

Professional Associations

- American Nuclear Society
- Chairman, South Carolina Floodwater Commission
- Member, South Carolina Energy Advisory Council
- Member, Center for Oceans and Human Health and Climate Change Interactions External Advisory Committee
- Co-Chair, International Environmental Law Committee of the American Bar Association (ABA) International Law Section (2019- present)
- Membership Officer, LAWASIA Environmental Law Committee
- Fellow, The Explorer's Club (New York)
- Fellow, Royal Geographical Society (London)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (ABF)
- Expert, National Geographic Society (2016)
- Member, Association of the United States Army
- Member, The American Legion
- Member, The Civil Affairs Association
- Member and Award Recipient, U.S. Counterterrorism Advisory Team
- Chairman, Board of Directors, South Carolina Black Belt Hall of Fame
- Member, United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame
- President, Global Eco Adventures (environmental non-profit)
- Executive Director and Board Member, GAIS Foundation (environmental non-profit dedicated to protecting the Amazon and Galápagos Islands)
- Board Member, Chief Legal Officer, Force Blue
- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, SC State Coordinator, Church Ministry (2018 - 2019)
- President's Advisory Council, Columbia International University (2021 - present)

Academic Positions

- Professor of Practice at the University of South Carolina, School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management (2022 - Present)
- Adjunct Professor University of South Carolina, School of Law (2022 – Present)
- Research Professor at Coastal Carolina University, School of Coastal Environment (2013 - Present)
- Adjunct Professor Environmental Law at Charleston School of Law (2019)

- Adjunct Associate Professor at the Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development (CIECD) (2011 – 2014)
- Associate Director of Law and Policy Doctorate Program, at Northeastern University, Boston (2011-2013)

United Nations System Experience

- Sierra Leone Constitution Review – Legal Expert (May 2016 – June 2016)
Assisted in reviewing Sierra Leone’s Constitutional Review Commission’s recommendations and provided recommendations to a proposed new chapter entitled “Local Government and Decentralization” of the Sierra Leone Constitution.
- Maldives Pro Bono Best Practices – Legal Expert (April 2016 – May 2016)
Assisted in assessing pro bono and legal assistance program best practices and provided a case study to be utilized in Maldives for the first National Pro Bono Conference, focusing on improving access to justice for victims of sexual and gender-based violence.
- Republic of Fiji – Team Leader (July 2013 – 2015)
Team Leader of 52 attorney / experts around the world for the Republic of Fiji mineral law and seabed mining legislation project. Worked closely with UNDP Fiji and ABA-UNDP International Legal Resource Center throughout entire project to ensure all project deliverables and goals were accomplished. Served as liaison to the 52 experts around the world to assist in development of appropriate recommendations for the Republic of Fiji mineral law and sea bed mining legislation. Created an effective recommendation report of the draft mineral law and seabed mining legislation which was presented to the Government of Fiji.
- Republic of Moldova Chemical Law – Legal Expert (Fall 2012 - Spring 2013)
Assisted in drafting Republic of Moldova Chemical Law through the ABA - UNDP International Legal Resource Center.

Military

- Commander, South Carolina State Guard (Major General – Retired 2018)
- President, State Guard Association of the United States (2016-2018)
- Special Assistant to Chief Prosecutor of Military Commissions, overseeing the trial of Khalid Sheik Mohammed and Four Co-Defendants (2011-2013)
- United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps, USAR (Trial Counsel)
- International Legal Officer, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command
- Certified U.S. Army Master Fitness Trainer and Self Defense Instructor (6th degree Black Belt - awarded by the SC High Dan board consisting of Keith Vitali, Mike Genova and Bruce Brutschy)
- US Army Meritorious Service Medal
- US Army Achievement Medal
- Global War on Terror Service Medal
- US Army Reserve Components Overseas Ribbon (2)
- Exceptional Service Medal (SCMD)

- Meritorious Service Medal (JSD)
- Medal of Merit (SCSC) (2)
- Medal of Merit (SGAUS)
- Commendation Medal (SGAUS)
- RAIDER- Rapid Assistance in Disaster & Emergency Relief Pin
- Military Emergency Management Specialist Badge
- Honorary Green Beret by Special Forces (S.C. Chapter)
- Airborne parachute jump badges from Germany, Serbia, Croatia, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and the Royal Laotian Parachutist Badge

AWARDS AND HONORS

State and Local

- Proclamation by Kershaw County, South Carolina recognizing May 23, 2023, in honor of Dr. Tom Mullikin. [KCSC Proclamation](#).
- Recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the State of South Carolina
- Recognition in the Congressional Record by Congressman Ralph Norman for work with the SC Floodwater Commission in flood mitigation (Feb. 27, 2020)
- Ironman Outdoors (Sandhills chapter)
- Dive Master and member of the Richland County (S.C.) Sheriff's Department Underwater Recovery (dive) Unit
- 2020 Expedition Leader of the Year, South Carolina National Heritage Corridor
- Recipient of [South Carolina Senate Resolution](#) commending leadership and for visionary work; sacrifices of time, energy, and resources; exemplary leadership and overall example (June 2020)
- Recipient of [South Carolina Senate Resolution](#) for SC Floodwater Commission
- Camden High School Hall of Fame
- Board member, South Carolina Aquarium
- Board member, Carolina Cup Racing Association
- Serves on a variety of other boards and commissions in South Carolina, including the board of directors for the U.S. Army Special Forces Foundation (S.C. Chapter)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Published Cases

- *Friends of the Earth v. Laidlaw Env'tl. Servs.*, 149 F.3d 303 (4th Cir. 1998), Counsel for Amici Curiae Chamber of Commerce, et al.

Authored Books

- *Profiles in Optimism: Stories of Brave Individuals Who Looked at Adversity and Saw Hope* (2010)
- *The Maxims of Politics: Making Government Work* (2009)
- *Global Solutions: Demanding Total Accountability for Climate Change* (2007)
- *Truck Stop Politics: Understanding the Emerging Force of Working Class America* (2006)

Authored Book Chapters

- “Guiding Principles for Creating Environmental Regulations That Work.” Air Pollution XVII. Eds. C.A. Brebbia & V. Popov. WIT Press, 2009.
- “Winning a Government Contract: Responding to RFP's and IFB's." Inside the Minds – Navigating the Government Contracts Process: Leading Lawyers on Understanding Timelines, Complying with Documentation Requirements, and Overcoming Common Challenges. Aspatore Books, 2008.
- “Governmental Representation.” South Carolina Jurisprudence. Ed. Aleta M. Pillick. Vol. 23. South Carolina Bar, 1994.

Authored Documentary

- The Whole Truth (2010) (<https://vimeo.com/376882464>)
- Climate Change: Global Problems, Global Solutions (2005)

Authored Articles

- “Inextricably Intertwined – Environmental Management and the Public.” Georgetown International Environmental Law Review 17.3 (Spring 2005): 393-433.
- “Community Participation in Environmental Protection.” UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy 21 (2002-03): 75-95.
- “Campaign Finance Rules in Limbo.” Campaigns and Elections Magazine 1 June 2003.
- “Business and the Environment: Concentrate on Issues that Unite” Vital Speeches of the Day 65.11 (Mar. 15, 1999): 333-6.
- “A Tale of Two Cities: Denton versus Stillwater – An issue too important to lose.” Family Security Matters (December 31, 2015).
- “Banning the Bans: State Legislatures Pass Bills to Avoid Patchwork of Local Laws Intended to Obstruct Shale Energy Production.” Well Servicing Magazine (July 2015).
- “Property Rights and Forced Pooling Amidst the Shale Revolution.” Well Servicing Magazine (March 2015).
- “Denton Hydraulic Fracturing Ban.” Well Servicing Magazine (January 2015).
- “Home Rule and the Rule of Local Governments.” Well Servicing Magazine (September 2014).
- “American Energy Security from the Shale Revolution: A Blessing to Share.” Well Servicing Magazine (July 2014).
- “Hydraulic Fracturing ‘Right to Know’ Laws: Satisfying the Public’s Right to Know While Protecting Innovation” Well Servicing Magazine (May 2014).
- “Sue and Settle: Activist End Run Around Congress and Industry.” Well Servicing Magazine (March 2014)

- “Setback Distances in the Barnett Shale: The Need for Uniformity at the State Level.” Well Servicing Magazine (January 2014).
- “Balancing preserving the environment with economic development in the Caucasus Mountains. “ABA SIL International Environmental Law Committee Newsletter (January 2013).
- “Fracking has a 60-year Safety Record.” The Fayetteville Observer (October 17, 2011).
- “A Tribute to My Father, a Member of Rogers’ Raiders.” NavySeals.com (July 27, 2010); also published Canada Free Press. (July 27, 2010); “Remembering Rogers’ Raiders.” Family Security Matters (July 28, 2010); World Defense Review (July 29, 2010).
- “Recipe for Disaster: Increasing Risk of Terrorism, Decreasing Resources.” World Defense Review. (May 30, 2010); also published Canada Free Press. (May 31, 2010).
- “Currency Manipulation and South Carolina Manufacturing.” Made in SC Magazine (Oct. 2008): 30-1.
- “Two Seconds Between Me and Death.” Huntinamibia (2007): 22-3.
- “Public Disclosure Can Help Limit Scope of Environmental Problems.” Charlotte Business Journal (July 4, 2003).
- “Environmental Justice.” Environmental Solutions 8.5 (May 1995): 77.

Global Environmental Presentations

- “Environmental Law and Policy Colloquium.” Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, February 24, 2015.
- “Public Participation in Environmental Management.” Oxford University, London, England, May 2, 2011.
- “Public Participation in Environmental Management.” Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, August 11, 2011.
- “Flood Planning and Mitigation: Lessons from South Carolina.” Southern Legislative Conference, October 2020.
- “Coastal Issues & Shoreline Management.” The Seminar Group, November 2020.
- “SC State Guard Military Law CLE 2021.” April 2021.
- “Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference” May 2021.
- “Summer Honors Speaker: Charleston School of Law.” June 2021.
- “LAWASIA Annual Conference: Environmental Law.” November 2021.
- “Climate Change Overview: Causes, Effects and Recent Findings.” 2016 Environmental Law & Global Climate Change Symposium (Certified Continuing Legal Education Seminar) Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, October 2016.

- “Alternative Energy: Clean Power Plan and Other Clean Energy Methods.” 2016 Environmental Law & Global Climate Change Symposium (Certified Continuing Legal Education Seminar) Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, October 2016.
- “Natural Disasters: Effective Government Preparation and Response.” 2016 Environmental Law & Global Climate Change Symposium (Certified Continuing Legal Education Seminar) Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, October 2016.
- “Global Climate Change ‘What You Won’t Hear in the Classroom’.” Appalachian State University, NC, September 25, 2016.
- “Public Participation in Environmental Management.” Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, October 13, 2011.
- “Effectively Managing the Risks Associated with Climate Change.” MAPI Manufacturers Alliance, Risk Management Council Meeting, Miami, FL, January 27, 2011.
- “California Regulatory Policies and the State Economy.” California Regulatory Landscape - Getting it Right, Industrial Environmental Association/California Manufacturers and Technology Association Environmental Summit, San Diego, CA, October 22, 2010.
- “Challenging the Endangerment Finding.” Virginia Industry Environmental Conference, Richmond, VA, September 17, 2010.
- “Regional Cap and Trade Agreements and Low Carbon Fuel Standards.” State Energy and Climate Policy Summit, Cleveland, OH, September 15, 2010.
- “Meeting the Global Climate Challenge.” St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, October 12, 2009.
- “Guiding Principles for Creating Environmental Regulations That Work.” 17th International Conference on Modeling, Monitoring and Management of Air Pollution, Tallinn, Estonia, July 22, 2009.
- “Meeting the Global Climate Challenge.” Institute of Geology, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia, July 21, 2009.
- “Meeting the Global Climate Challenge.” American Water Works Association, San Diego, CA, June 16, 2009.
- “Climate Change, Is the Clock Ticking on Your County?” National Association of Counties, Annual Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C., March 9, 2009.
- “Meeting the Global Climate Challenge.” National Association of Manufacturers & Associated Industries of Florida, Tampa, FL, November 13, 2008.

- “Meeting the Global Climate Challenge.” National Association of Manufacturers & New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry, Albuquerque, NM, November 6, 2008.
- “Meeting the Global Climate Challenge.” National Association of Manufacturers & Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry, Denver, CO, October 9, 2008.
- “Truck Stop Politics: Understanding the Emerging Force of Working Class America.” American Mold Builders Association 2008 Fall Conference, Washington D.C., October 3, 2008.
- “Carbon Standards: What is the Right Choice for the United States and Canada?” Woodrow Wilson Center Cross Border Energy Forum, Chicago, IL, October 2, 2008.
- “Government Policy Recommendations That Can Steer Hydrogen-Fueled Vehicles and a U.S. “Hydrogen Highway” Back on Track.” 17th World Hydrogen Energy Conference, Brisbane, Australia, June 16, 2008.
- “Global Problems, Individual Solutions: What the Individual Can Do to Address Climate Change and How our Government Can Help.” Climate Change Symposium (Certified Continuing Legal Education Seminar), Machu Picchu, Peru, December 2007.
- Global Solutions: Demanding Total Accountability for Climate Change.” Illinois Governors State University, Distinguished Lecturer, University Park, IL, October 29, 2007.
- “Climate Change and Public Participation: Now More Than Ever.” 9th Annual EUEC Conference and Expo, Tucson, AZ, January 23, 2006.
- “Climate Change: Global Problems, Global Solutions.” Global Climate Change Symposium (Certified Continuing Legal Education Seminar), Windhoek, Namibia, October 2006.
- “The Kyoto Protocol, Major Movements to Address Global Warming, and the Role of Corporations.” Global Warming Symposium (Certified Continuing Legal Education Seminar), Argentina and Antarctica, December 2005.
- “Public Participation in Environmental Management.” 6th International Symposium on Environmental Contamination, Prague, Czech Republic, September 3, 2003.
- “Global Public Participation in Environmental Protection.” 3rd International Congress on Waste Management and Recycling, Moscow, Russia, June 3, 2003.
- “Project Prestige Crisis Management Training and Preliminary Action Plan.” Embassy of the United States of America in Spain, Madrid, Spain, November 26, 2002.

- “The Rise of Citizen Lawsuits in Environmental Litigation.” The Network of Trial Law Firms Litigation Management Supercourse 2001, Palm Beach, FL, October 27, 2001.
- “Hazardous/Toxic Waste Management Training.” Gaosheng, Taiwan, March 1999.

Personal

Recognized with his wife, Virginia Ann, as the “National Civic Leader Parents of the Year” in 2019, Tom and Virginia Ann reside in Camden, South Carolina. Together they have four children: Mary Elizabeth, Alexandra (Tomlinson) and husband, Brant, Thomas, Jr., and Margaret Charles (Whitney) and husband, Will; granddaughter, Anna Gibbs Tomlinson and grandsons, Baylor Davis Tomlinson, and William English Whitney, IV. Tom enjoys the outdoors where he studied water related concerns in certified scuba dives in all oceans on earth and climbed to the summit of mountains on every continent.