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About Austin

Austin Harrison is a partner in our Public Policy Practice, specializing in helping clients navigate the intricate landscape of state and federal regulatory and policy matters. With a presence in Atlanta and Washington DC, Austin advances client interests on Capitol Hill, with federal agencies and in state capitals.

Austin has long served as a trusted government affairs adviser to national associations, family-owned businesses, publicly traded companies and businesses seeking to enhance government partnerships. As a lawyer, Austin counsels clients on various state and federal procurement matters, including land use, infrastructure and administrative law matters. He also helps clients identify and apply for federal funding opportunities and provides compliance counsel upon the receipt of federal funds.

Austin leverages the intersection of law and policy by counseling clients in a variety of areas, including public private partnership procurement processes, energy and environment, transportation, agriculture and complex regulatory matters and multistate issues related to cannabis and hemp. Austin is known for developing comprehensive legal and public policy strategies to further client interests before Congress, relevant congressional committees, US regulatory agencies and state and local governments.

Austin's procurement experience spans the infrastructure sector, where he has worked on projects related to roads and bridges, water and wastewater, mining, broadband, blockchain and more. He assists developers and infrastructure investment funds to develop a holistic approach to address legal and policy opportunities or challenges that may arise during a project. Austin also serves as a trusted adviser to local governments. In Georgia, he is a member of the City of Brookhaven Development Authority and a transportation adviser to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners. Additionally, his *pro bono* efforts include serving as policy counsel to the American Academy of Diplomacy, an organization of former diplomats seeking to promote sound foreign policies, and he works with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics on various nonprofit administration matters.

Born in Louisville, Mississippi, Austin has a sophisticated understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the Southeast. Upon graduating from the University of Mississippi's Trent Lott Leadership Institute, Austin worked in Washington DC for US Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) and US Congressman Gregg Harper (R-MS). While obtaining his law degree and Master of Public Service at the University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service, Austin had the opportunity to serve as a US State Department intern at the US Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia.

Credentials

Education

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2016
- University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service, M.P.S, 2016
- University of Mississippi Trent Lott Leadership Institute, B.A., 2013

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2018
- Mississippi, 2017

Courts

- U.S. Ct. of App., Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Ct. of App., D.C. Circuit
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of Mississippi
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of Mississippi

Memberships & Affiliations

- Transportation Advisor, Cobb County, Georgia
- Brookhaven, Georgia, Development Authority
- Washington DC Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Young Alumni Council, University of Mississippi
- President, University of Mississippi Trent Lott Leadership Institute Alumni Advisory Board
- Inaugural Cohort, Civility Leadership Institute
- Alumni Board Member, University of Arkansas Little Rock School of Law

Recognitions

- Squire Patton Boggs Pro Bono All Star
- John C. Stennis Leadership Fellow, US Senate
- National Defense Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies
- Mr. Ole Miss, University of Mississippi

Expertise

Services

- Public Policy
- Government Investigations & White Collar

Industries

- Aerospace, Defense & Government Services

Media

- Interviewed, "Harrison Bridges Public Service and Law Degrees at Squire Patton Boggs," Clinton School of Public Service

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