

Wednesday December 11

Redistricting and Elections Business Meeting/The Changing Legal Landscape

2-3:15pm



Martha Wigton, Georgia General Assembly

Martha Wigton was appointed director of the House Budget and Research Office in July 2011 after serving as deputy director and senior policy analyst for the House since 2003. She oversees the professional staff for the House of Representatives' 38 standing committees, which includes guiding the 78-member Appropriations Committee through the development of spending policy and priorities for the state's annual supplemental and general appropriations acts with a focus on multi-billion-dollar budgeting across all three branches of Georgia state government. Her 29 years of state government experience include leadership positions serving two lieutenant governors and four House speakers. Martha holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University and completed her post baccalaureate work in Education at the University of North Florida. She currently participates on the Southern Legislative Conference's Legislative Service Agencies Directors' Group and serves as the Staff Chair for the National Conference of State Legislatures.



Dale Oldham, Council of the Districting of Columbia

Dale Oldham is a legal adviser to the National Republican Redistricting Trust (NRRRT) and is currently the Redistricting Counsel for the Republican National Committee. He served in the same role for the 2000 redistricting cycle and as Associate Counsel during the 1990 redistricting cycle. Oldham was Counsel to FEC Commissioner Don McGahn and the former Counsel for the congressionally appointed members of the Census Monitoring Board. He has been involved in nearly all the critical redistricting cases of the last three redistricting cycles. He has spoken at numerous seminars and symposiums on redistricting, the census, free speech, campaign finance and election law and school choice issues.



Sam Hirsch, Jenner & Block

Sam Hirsch is a partner in Jenner & Block's Environmental Workplace Health and Safety Law, Energy, Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation, and Election Law and Redistricting Practices. Prior to joining the firm in 2017, Hirsch served as the acting Assistant Attorney General and principal deputy of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural resources Division (ENRD). He began his legal career at Jenner & Block and was instrumental in creating the Election Law and Redistricting Practice. He gained a national reputation as one of the leading lawyers in the field, having litigated voting-rights and redistricting cases in nearly 20 states. Hirsch earned his bachelor's degree from Rice University and a law degree from Harvard Law School.