



S. BEAUX JONES

Acting President and CEO

Beaux Jones is the Acting President and CEO for The Water Institute. Prior to joining The Water Institute, Jones served as the environmental section chief for the Louisiana Department of Justice, where he represented the State of Louisiana and its agencies in a wide variety of matters ranging from environmental and coastal law to criminal and appellate law. He most recently worked as an environmental and coastal lawyer for the law firm Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer in New Orleans.

COMPANY ROLE

Acting President and CEO

PROJECT ROLE / FOCUS AREAS

Coastal and environmental law

Policy development

Fundraising and development

Strategic planning and partnership

EDUCATION

JD Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, 2011

BS Political Science, Davidson College, North Carolina, 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Louisiana State Bar Association- Environmental Section

Association of Corporate Counsel

Environmental Law Institute

Jones has extensive experience representing agencies, companies, and organizations inside the courtroom and internally. He has argued cases at every level of state and federal court in Louisiana and has worked on several high-profile cases related to the Gulf Coast and Louisiana. He was on the BP spill litigation team with the Louisiana Attorney General.

Prior to becoming the Acting President and CEO, Jones was the General Counsel and Chief of Staff at The Water Institute and handled general legal matters for the Institute, such as contracts and immigration law. He also was a key member of the leadership team, merging the Institute's ongoing work in science, engineering and resiliency with legal policy.

Jones earned his bachelor's from Davidson College and his law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU. He is active in a variety of community and environmental causes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present: Acting President and CEO, The Water Institute

2019-Present: General Counsel & Chief of Staff, The Water Institute

2017-2019: Environmental and Coastal Attorney, Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, LLC, New Orleans

2016-2017: Environmental Section Chief, Louisiana Department of Justice-Office of the Attorney General

2011-2016: Assistant Attorney General-Environmental Section, Louisiana Department of Justice-Office of the Attorney General

2013-2015: Executive Director and Chairman of the Board, Bike Baton Rouge

2015-2018: Kayak Tour Guide, Louisiana Lost Lands Environmental Tours



Aug-Oct. 2010: Law Clerk, Crawford Lewis, Baton Rouge

June- Aug. 2010: Law Clerk, Fowler, Rodriguez, Valdes-Fauli, New Orleans

May- June 2010: Law Clerk, United States Coastal Guard 8 Legal, New Orleans

2009-2010: Law Clerk, Louisiana Sea Grant Law and Policy Program, Baton Rouge

SELECTED PROJECTS

Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District Long-term Strategic Water Sustainability Plan (2018-current). Member of the technical team providing legal & policy research support. (2022 – Present) The Institute and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are working with CAGWCC and other stakeholders to identify and evaluate feasible and cost-effective, science-based alternatives to meet long-term water needs through evaluation of the current science available on groundwater use and aquifer conservation and to identify management alternatives. The ultimate goal is to develop a strategic plan for the long-term water supply for users in the district. The Institute and the USGS are using a phased approach to meet project objectives following the PrOACT cycle. PrOACT is a useful framework for structuring decisions. This includes: Defining the Problem, Determining the Objectives, Identifying Alternatives, Evaluating Alternatives and Forecasting the Consequences, Evaluating the Trade-offs, Making the Decision and Taking Action.

Louisiana Watershed Initiative. (2019 – Present). Member of the technical team providing legal & policy research support. The Institute is providing

programmatic and technical support across a range of Louisiana Watershed Initiative activities including leading the LWI project to develop the modeling methodology and guidance for compound flood areas/flood transition zones as the state moves forward with watershed-based flood planning. The Institute is supporting Louisiana's Office of Community Development in aligning the modeling program with the larger LWI by (1) managing the Data and Modeling Technical Advisory Group, (2) engaging with local government stakeholders on modeling and other decision support tool use for watershed management projects, (3) ensuring that the models meet the highest standards by serving on the Technical Delivery and Quality (TDQ) team, and (4) developing state and regional policy recommendations and supporting legislation.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Environmental Law Recent Developments, Louisiana Bar Journal, Volume 66, No. 5, No. 3, No. 2.; Volume 65, No. 5, No. 3. Available at <https://www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/BarJournal.aspx>
2. The Kingfish's Mineral Legacy: An Analysis of the Legality of State Mineral Leases Granted to W.T. Burton and James A. Noe During the Years 1934-1936 and Their Relevance to former United States Senator and Louisiana Governor, Huey P. Long, Forthcoming in the LSU Law Journal of Energy Law and Resources, Vol. V., Issue 1, pp. 71-152.
3. Attorney General Opinions: La. Atty. Gen. Op. Nos. 10-0261, 10-0283, 11-0108, 11-0150, 11-0151, 11-0203, 11-0238, 11-0248, 12-0020, 12-0033, 14-0187, 15-0065. Searchable on Westlaw or at <http://www.ag.state.la.us/opinions.aspx>.
4. Hanging in The Coastal Balance: How do Coastal Communities Choose Between Economic Growth and Protecting their Citizens? Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal, Vol. 2, No. 2, Pg. 63