



## Goldsmith Tuch Law

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### **SUMMARY**

I have been passionate about our relationship with and care for our environment since 1978. Environmental advocacy requires a connection with every spectrum of life - from justice, to economics, to air, water and soil, to biodiversity, to energy, to emissions of greenhouse gases and carbon sinks. I have worked with governmental entities and nonprofit organizations on various environmental issues.

I am an attorney with 30 plus years of experience in civil and criminal law, and have litigated many cases, from simple to complex. I have exceptional communication and writing skills; have excellent negotiating skills and am very empathetic. I am skilled in alternative dispute resolution - arbitration and mediation - and have been trained in collaborative law.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Goldsmith Tuch Law, Clemmons, NC**

April 2003 – present

- Private practice attorney in the areas of civil litigation, personal injury/wrongful death, estate planning and administration, small business law and real estate;
- I work closely with my clients from the beginning to the end of their legal matter.
- In December 2014, on behalf of 13-year-old Hallie Turner, I filed a Petition for Rulemaking before the NC Division of Air Quality, requesting the state establish a limit on Carbon Dioxide Emissions. A copy of the petition can be found at <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/north-carolina>, December 5, 2014: Petition for Rulemaking.
- In August 2019, I assisted the North Carolina Climate Solutions Coalition in the filing of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline - Petition for Revocation of 401 Water Quality Certification. On Sunday, July 5, 2020, Dominion and Duke Energy announced the cancellation of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. <https://ncclimatesolutions.org/atlantic-coast-pipeline-is-cancelled/>
- In 2020, I reduced my caseload to handle estate planning and administration and environmental matters.

#### **Goldsmith & Goldsmith, Cincinnati, OH**

January 1993 – July 2002

- Practiced law with Earl J. Goldsmith, Jr., (my father) until his death in 2002.
- Our firm had an AV rating through Martindale-Hubbell.
- My practice consisted of civil and criminal litigation, including personal injury/wrongful death, domestic relations, real estate misrepresentation and fraud,



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and misdemeanor and felony defense in State and Federal Court. I also assisted clients with contracts and estate planning and administration.

**Earl J. Goldsmith, Jr., Cincinnati, OH** November 1989 - December 1992  
Associate - General Civil Practice as set forth above.

**Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, OH** March 1990 - 1999  
Arbitrator – Appointed by the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas as panel member and/or chair of a 3-attorney panel to Arbitration Hearings.

**College of Mount Saint Joseph, Cincinnati, OH** 1992 - 1995; 1998  
Adjunct Professor in Paralegal Studies

- Estate Planning and Probate Administration
- Estate Tax Law and Family Law

**Law Office Of David Altman (n/k/a Altman Newman Co. LPA), Cincinnati, OH** Summer 1988  
Law school intern for a Plaintiffs' Environmental Tort Firm – cases include:

- Pleasant Ridge community regarding pollution/emissions from the Hilton Davis Plant; and
- Hazardous waste issues pertaining to landfills owned by the City of Toledo.

**City of Toledo, OH** August 1987 – May 1988  
Law school intern for the City of Toledo on environmental legal issues pertaining to the city's landfills.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

**United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio** June, 2013  
**North Carolina** August 1999  
**United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio** January, 1993  
**Ohio** November 1989

## **EDUCATION**

**L.L.M.** Master of Laws in Environmental Law, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT (Summa Cum Laude) May 2015  
**J.D.** College of Law, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio May 1989  
**M.En.** Master of Environmental Sciences, Institute of Environment Science, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio May 1990  
**B.S.** Geography, University of Cincinnati March 1983

## **LEGAL CERTIFICATIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Trained in Collaborative Law 2018  
Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College ([www.triallawyerscollege.com](http://www.triallawyerscollege.com))  
The Ranch Program - Dubois, WY July 9 – 31, 2007  
Regional 4-day Seminars 2006 – 2017  
Certified Attorney Mediator (NC Dispute Resolution Commission)

**LEGAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS** (Member in good standing)

North Carolina Bar Association; Forsyth County Bar Association; Ohio State Bar; Cincinnati Bar Association; Environmental Law Institute; The Million Dollar Advocates Forum

**APPOINTED/NOMINATED AND OTHER POSITIONS**

Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Pollution Protection Board  
Appointed by County Commissioners (3-year position) July 2021 – 2024

Forsyth County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority  
Appointed by County Commissioners (6-year position) July 2021 – 2027

Temple Emanuel Environmental Movement (TEEM) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TEEMMovies/>)  
Cofounder and Member September 2007 – present

North Carolina Climate Solutions Coalition (<http://ncclimatesolutions.org/>)  
Cofounding Board Member December 2016 – present  
Chair of the Board January 2018 – present

International Human Rights Consortium (<https://internationalhumanrightsconsortium.org/>)  
Director of Global Stewardship March 2018 - present

The Climate Times (<https://www.theclimatetimesus.org/>)  
Initial Board Member and Chair of the Board July 2016 - December 2018

Yadkin Riverkeeper, Inc. (<http://www.yadkinriverkeeper.org/>)  
Board Member January 2010 – January 2016  
President of the Board October 2011 – January 2014

Town of Clemmons (Tree Ordinance Ad-Hoc Committee) 2010

Piedmont Environmental Alliance (<https://www.peanc.org/>)  
Board Member October 2008 – October 2010

Horse, Education and Rescue Organization (HERO) (<http://www.heroequinerescue.org/>)  
Assisted in the incorporation/ Board Member June 2007 – May 2008

Georgian Circle of Friends (Republic of Georgia), Chair 2002 - 2006

City of Cincinnati Environmental Advisory Council  
Appointed by the City Manager of Cincinnati 1990 – 1994  
Chair of the Air Committee 1991 - 1994  
Graduate School Intern January 1986 - July 1986

City of Cincinnati Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Founding Member and Chair Nov 1991 - September 1995

University of Toledo Environmental Law Society  
Founding Member and Chair January 1988 – May 1989

**OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND POSITIONS**

**AWARDS**

Marquis Who's Who 2019 - 2020  
Outstanding Women in Business Award/Triad Business Journal 2018  
Yadkin Riverkeeper "Legacy Award" January 2016

Award granted for tireless work while on the board and as president of the organization.

Conservation Award, Daughters of the American Revolution      October 2015  
Award for Environmental Community Service

FAIN award      2011

Temple Emanuel Environmental Movement (TEEM) won the national award through the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism for its work on environmental awareness through a monthly environmental film/speaker series which focuses on local to international environmental issues where the audience is encouraged to take action. (<https://rac.org/fain-winner-temple-emanuel-environmental-movement-teem>)

Million Dollar Advocates Forum      Admitted October 2010  
Awarded to those attorneys who have been awarded a million dollars or more in verdicts or settlements. Less than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members.

### **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

Elisabeth Motsinger for Congress (NC Fifth District)  
Environmental Advisor      January – November 2012  
Forsyth County (NC) Habitat for Humanity      2011 - 2012  
Green Team - Worked with the designing and building of an energy efficient, low cost "Habitat" home

### **LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

OAR (Organizing Against Racism) Racial Equities Workshop – Phase 2  
November 2020  
OAR (Organizing Against Racism) Racial Equities Workshop – Phase 1  
November 2019  
Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Program  
(<https://www.climaterealityproject.org/>)      Summer 2013  
Center for Creative Leadership - Leadership Development Program  
Greensboro, NC ([www.ccl.org](http://www.ccl.org))      February 2009  
Environmental Leadership Program ([www.elpnet.org](http://www.elpnet.org))  
Southeast Region, Washington D.C.      October 2008  
Institute to Dismantle Racism – Racial Disparities Workshop  
Winston-Salem, NC (<http://idrnc.org/>)      September 2008  
Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods – Community Organizing Workshop,  
Winston-Salem, NC ([www.nfbn.org](http://www.nfbn.org))      November 2008

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Climate Change: Past, Present and Hope for the Future      February 2022  
Climate Change with a Twist of COVID-19  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem      April 2020  
Refreshing Resilience in Challenging Times: Climate Change to COVID-19  
Panel Discussion for the United Nation's Commission  
on the Status of Women      April 2020  
Follow Up on Getting to 100% Clean Renewable Energy/Green Jobs

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem <u>There are Solutions to Climate Change</u>	January 2020
Temple Emanuel Mavens - Winston-Salem <u>Getting to 100% Clean Renewable Energy and Green Jobs</u>	June 2019
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem <u>Climate Change and Solutions</u>	March 2019
Democratic Party - Winston-Salem <u>Climate Justice Teach-In</u>	March 2019
UNCG Ashby Dialog Series & Green Drinks GSO <u>It's all Connected: All environmental issues are connected</u>	April 2018
Wells Fargo	April 2015

## **ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

### **STATE AND LOCAL**

Dogwood Alliance; Piedmont Environmental Alliance; Foothills Group of the Sierra Club; NC Warn; NC Conservation Network; Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League; Yadkin Riverkeeper; Freedom Tree at the Institute for Dismantling Racism

### **NATIONAL**

Union of Concerned Scientists; Food and Water Watch; Sierra Club; Friends of the Earth; Southern Poverty Law Center; League of American Bicyclists; The Nature Conservancy; Earth Justice; Population Connection

## **REFERENCES:**

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