



Sterling Spainhour

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary - Georgia Power

Sterling Spainhour serves as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Georgia Power. He also serves as the company's chief compliance officer. Named to the position in June 2020, he oversees the company's corporate services, compliance and legal services functions and is a member of the company's management council. In addition, Sterling is also responsible for the corporate, energy regulation and technology legal functions of Southern Company Services.

Prior to joining Georgia Power, Spainhour served as senior vice president and general counsel of Southern Company Services (SCS), where he led the legal organization of the shared services company that supports Southern Company's operating company subsidiaries. He was responsible for the day to day legal support of the administrative and operational clients at SCS and worked closely with the other general counsels across the system to help support the operating companies.

He joined Southern Company from Jones Day, where he served as partner at the international law firm's Atlanta office since 2004. There, he worked on several Southern Company projects, including the company's acquisition of Southern Company Gas, the acquisition of a 50 percent interest in the Southern Natural Gas pipeline system, and the acquisition of PowerSecure International.

Spainhour previously served as counsel for CNN, where he was responsible for advising the cable news network's internet divisions on a full range of legal matters. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the Duke University School of Law and Fuqua School of Business.

In addition to his roles at Georgia Power, Sterling currently serves on the Board of Directors for Gray Television, Inc., on the Law & Judiciary Committee of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and is an Executive Committee member of the Corporate Counsel Section of the Georgia State Bar of Georgia.