

# Sterling Spainhour

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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. In this role, he oversees the company's corporate services, compliance and legal services functions and is a member of the company's management council. In addition, he is also responsible for the corporate, energy regulation and technology legal functions of Southern Company Services (SCS).

Prior to this position, Spainhour served as senior vice president and general counsel of 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. 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 currently serves on the board of directors for Gray Television, Inc., on the Law and Judiciary Committee of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and is an Executive Committee member of the Corporate Counsel section of the State Bar of Georgia.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the Duke University School of Law and Fuqua School of Business.