

Speaker Bios

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H. Dave Whitener, Jr., Esq.

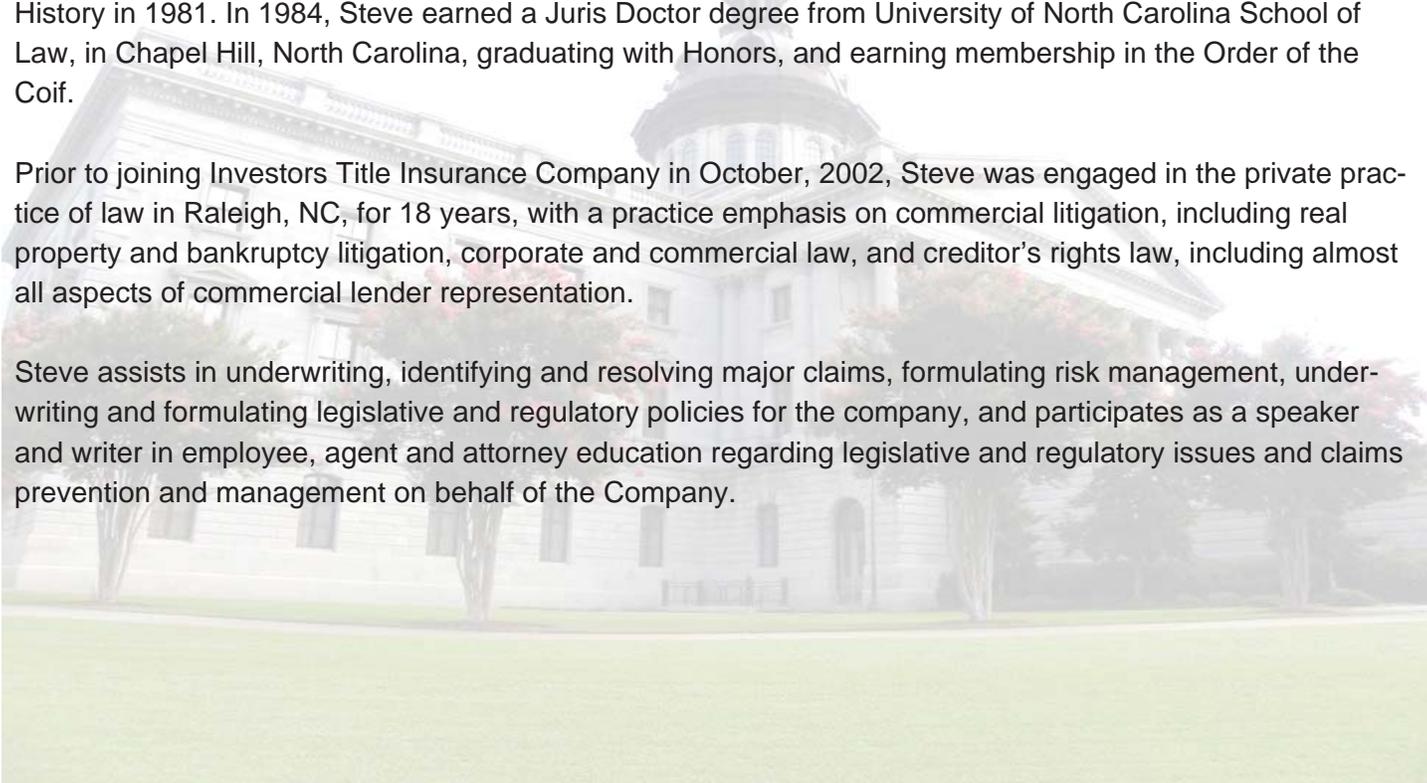
Dave Whitener is a principal in the law firm of Whitener & Wharton, P.A., in Columbia, South Carolina. He received an A.B. from Erskine College in 1966, and a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1969. He has practiced transactional law for 43 years and has been an Adjunct professor at the USC School of Law for 23 years, where he teaches Commercial Real Estate Transactions. He has spoken at approximately 100 Continuing Legal Education seminars approved by the South Carolina Bar, and has been chosen by the Supreme Court of South Carolina to be the Bridge the Gap speaker for Real Estate Law for 22 consecutive years. He has also spoken to the Mortgage Bankers Association annual meetings. He served as the Chairman of the Association of Lenders and Creditors which sponsored the 1980 revision of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code which re-wrote interest rate law in South Carolina. He is a member of the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers and is also included in The Best Lawyers in America and the South Carolina Super Lawyers for real estate law, banking and finance law, and financial services regulation law. He was a recipient of the 2007 Platinum Compleat Lawyer Award awarded by the University of South Carolina Alumni Association. He chaired the South Carolina Bar Task Force on Closing Responsibilities.

Stephen B. Brown, Sr.—Vice President, Investors Title—Title Attorney

Steve was born in Gilmer, Texas, and graduated from high school in Tullahoma, Tennessee in 1977. Steve attended Wake Forest University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, with Honors in History in 1981. In 1984, Steve earned a Juris Doctor degree from University of North Carolina School of Law, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, graduating with Honors, and earning membership in the Order of the Coif.

Prior to joining Investors Title Insurance Company in October, 2002, Steve was engaged in the private practice of law in Raleigh, NC, for 18 years, with a practice emphasis on commercial litigation, including real property and bankruptcy litigation, corporate and commercial law, and creditor's rights law, including almost all aspects of commercial lender representation.

Steve assists in underwriting, identifying and resolving major claims, formulating risk management, underwriting and formulating legislative and regulatory policies for the company, and participates as a speaker and writer in employee, agent and attorney education regarding legislative and regulatory issues and claims prevention and management on behalf of the Company.



Graydon V. Olive, III, Esq.—ITIC, SE Underwriting Counsel

Gray was admitted to practice in 1975 and served a 4 year active duty tour in the Air Force as a judge advocate from 1976-1979. He returned to Columbia in January of 1980 and entered private practice with emphasis on residential and commercial real estate and title insurance. He was a partner in the firm of Holler, Dennis, Olive, et. al. for 17 years and Special Counsel to McNair Law Firm, P.A. and CEO of Firm Title, Inc, McNair's Title Insurance Agency, from May 1997 until July 2009. From July 2009 until joining Investors, he operated Olive Law Firm, LLC where he practiced in areas of commercial and residential real estate and probate law.

Gray began his relationship with Investors Title in 1983 when he became an Investors agent. He was trained by Mary Webster and was exclusively an Investors agent until he became CEO of Firm Title, Inc., in 1997. Throughout his private practice career, he remained an active Investors agent.

Upon leaving active duty, Gray remained affiliated with the Air Force as a reserve judge advocate. He received the Harmon Award for Outstanding Reserve Judge Advocate of the Air Force in 1995. He has served as Senior Reserve Advisor to the Commandant of the Air Force JAG School and Senior Reserve Advisor to the Staff Judge Advocate of Air Reserve Command, retiring in the grade of Colonel in 2005. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (4), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Air Force Reserve Medal and the Air Force Recognition Ribbon.

He is a member of the Real Estate Section of the South Carolina Bar and served as Director of the Palmetto Land Title Association for 11 consecutive years. He has chaired PLTA's Legislative Committee since 2005 and is the 2009 recipient of the J. Lee McDonald Award for Outstanding Service. Gray often speaks on topics of title exams, title insurance and real estate closings at CLEs.

He is an ordained elder at Forest law Presbyterian Church in Columbia, chaired its Management Ministry from 1994-1997, and periodically teaches adult Sunday School. He also served as president of the Columbia Jaycees from 1983-1984. He resides in Columbia with his wife, Rebecca, and their two sons, Graydon (21) and Ryan (19). In his leisure time, Gray enjoys playing tennis, boating, and growing tomatoes in the summer.

Kirsten Pollock - ITIC, VP, Audit Director

Kirsten Pollock joined Investors Title in 2002 as an auditor and established the internal audit department for the company. She currently manages the team performing escrow and underwriting audits for the agencies and branches in states where Investors Title is operational, and she is responsible for Sarbanes Oxley 404 compliance, external audit assistance, and other audit related functions. As chair of the ALTA Internal Auditing Committee since 2012, Ms. Pollock led the establishment of Assessment Procedures, published in July 2013, to ensure compliance with ALTA's Best Practices. Prior to joining Investors, she performed internal audits of all lending functions for a regional bank in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ms. Pollock earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from North Carolina State University.

Susan F. Stewart, Esq.– ITIC, SE Underwriting Counsel

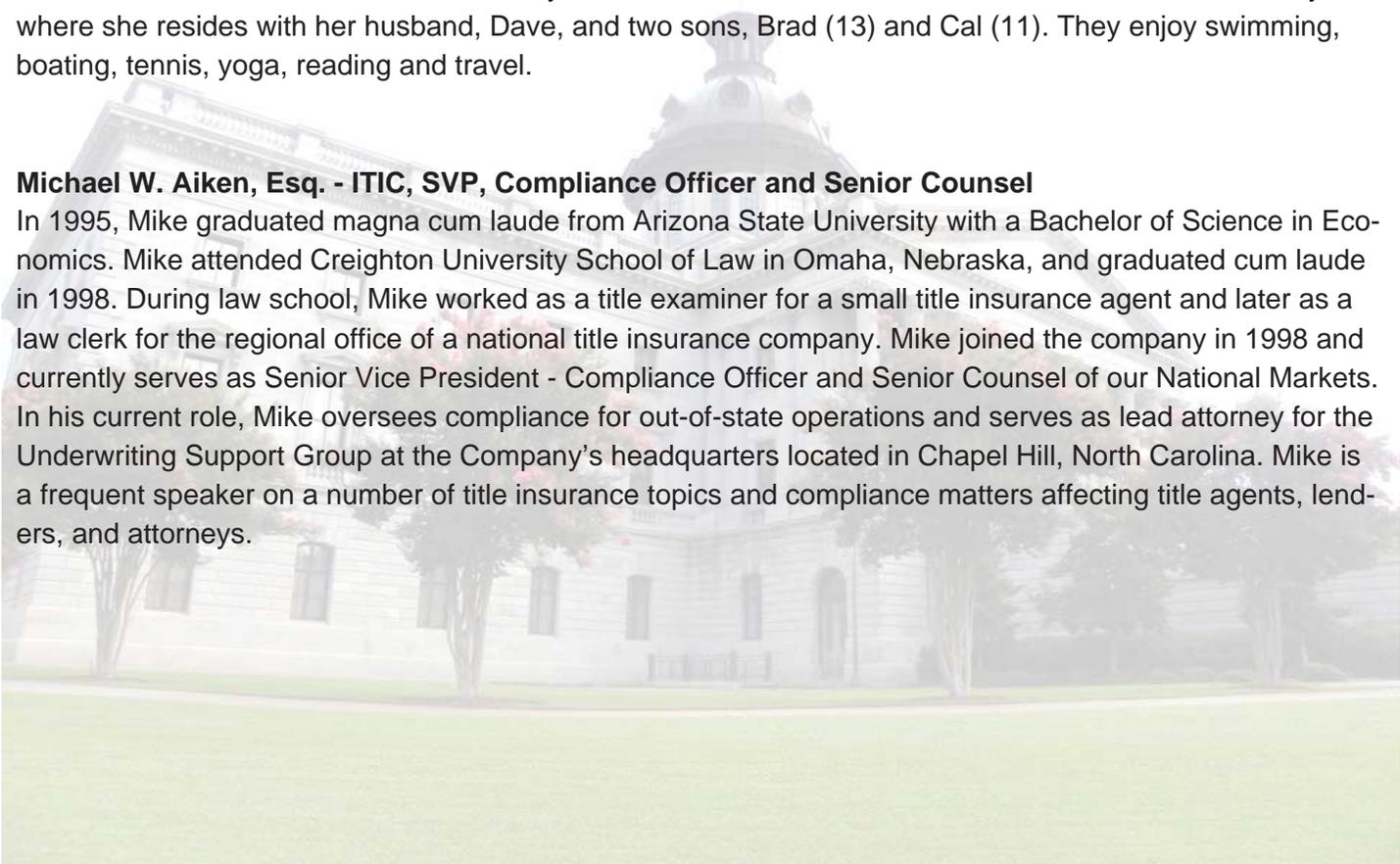
Susan comes to Investors Title after 16 years as Vice President and SC State Counsel for a National Underwriter. She received her B.A. in Political Science from the College of Charleston and her Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law. She was admitted to practice in 1984. She was an associate of Callison, Tighe, Rush, Robinson and Anastasion then Nexsen Pruet Jacobs and Pollard law firms before managing her own firm and title agency as a solo practitioner in Columbia. Susan also taught Real Estate and Family Law courses at the Columbia Junior College Professional Center. Her primary practice area has always been real estate and foreclosure law but she also has experience in corporate, bankruptcy, probate and family law.

Susan is a Past President of the Palmetto Land Title Association, served many years as Director and Government Liaison and is a recipient of the J. Lee McDonald award for outstanding service to the title industry. She often speaks on topics of real estate law, title insurance and claims at SC Bar and other seminars. Susan has served on the Board of Directors of the Mortgage Bankers of Greater Columbia, is a recipient of the MBGC Associate Member of the Year Award, 2004 Better Business Bureau Arbitrator of the Year and is a Governor-Appointee to the Electronic Recording Committee. She is Past Chair of the Real Estate Section Council of the South Carolina Bar and current Board of Governors Delegate. She served on the SC Bar Task Force on Professional Potential and as Director of the Council on Child Abuse Prevention. She is Director of the Marshwinds Homeowners Association of Folly Beach, SC and is a charter member of the SC Women Lawyers Association.

Susan is a licensed agent for Property and Casualty Insurance and a trained Arbitrator and Mediator. She serves as Eucharistic Minister for Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church near her home on Lake Murray where she resides with her husband, Dave, and two sons, Brad (13) and Cal (11). They enjoy swimming, boating, tennis, yoga, reading and travel.

Michael W. Aiken, Esq. - ITIC, SVP, Compliance Officer and Senior Counsel

In 1995, Mike graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. Mike attended Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska, and graduated cum laude in 1998. During law school, Mike worked as a title examiner for a small title insurance agent and later as a law clerk for the regional office of a national title insurance company. Mike joined the company in 1998 and currently serves as Senior Vice President - Compliance Officer and Senior Counsel of our National Markets. In his current role, Mike oversees compliance for out-of-state operations and serves as lead attorney for the Underwriting Support Group at the Company's headquarters located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Mike is a frequent speaker on a number of title insurance topics and compliance matters affecting title agents, lenders, and attorneys.



Jon Biggs - VP, Director of Risk Management and Education

Jon Biggs, a native of Durham, North Carolina, earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University (AB, 1987) with a double major in history and political science. He earned his Juris Doctor from the Wake Forest University School of Law (JD, 1990). For more than twenty years prior to joining Investors Title, Jon practiced residential and commercial real estate law in the law firm of Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs, P.L.L.C., located in Durham, NC. A partner in the firm since 1994, Jon also practice in the areas of business and transactional law, wills and estates, contracts, banking and trademark law. Jon has been admitted to the North Carolina State Bar (1990), United States District Court - Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina (1991), United States Court of Appeals - Fourth District (1991), and the United States Supreme Court (2008). He is a member of the Durham County Bar Association (1990-Present), the Fourteenth Judicial District Bar (1990-Present), the North Carolina Bar Association (1990-Present), and the American Bar Association (1990-Present). Jon has also served on a number of committees for the Durham County and Fourteenth Judicial District Association and the Real Estate Lawyers Association of North Carolina. Jon joined Investors Title in 2012 as the Vice President and Director of Risk Management and Education to lead the Risk Management Department. In this role, he oversees risk management functions related to the Investors Title's approved provider system. These functions include general oversight of the approval process, education and communications-based initiatives involving approved attorneys and other approved providers, and data management and analysis related to risk management efforts.

J. Calhoun Watson, Esq.

A founding Member of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, Cal has handled a wide variety of business, insurance, and financial disputes, including numerous class actions. During his 21 years of practice, Cal has represented numerous local and national businesses, partnerships, insurance companies, and financial institutions. Cal earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of South Carolina School of Law where he graduated *cum laude*, and his Bachelor's degree from Wofford College, where he graduated *summa cum laude*. Cal was named in the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 editions of The Best Lawyers in America (Designations in Commercial Litigation, Professional Malpractice Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation) and as a South Carolina "Super Lawyer" for Business Litigation (2008-2013) and Professional Liability (2010-12). In addition to his legal practice, Cal has been active in the International Association of Defense Counsel, where he served as chair of the Technology Committee, Social Media Task Force, and Website Task Force. He has also been active in the South Carolina Bar and currently serves as President-Elect.

