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James I. Palmer, Jr. is an attorney and environmental consultant in Oxford, Mississippi. He focuses his practice on environmental law, natural resources law, energy law, and administrative law.

In 1970, Jimmy received his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Mississippi State University. In 1976, he received his J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Mississippi.

Jimmy is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Environmental Council of the States, and a Fellow in the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Mississippi, and is licensed to practice law before all federal and state courts in Mississippi, the Fifth and Eleventh Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court.

Jimmy served as Regional Administrator for Region 4 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency from 2001-2009. He also served as: Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, 1987-1999; Executive Director, Office of General Services, Office of the Governor of Mississippi, 1986-1987; Administrative Assistant and Staff Counsel, Office of the Governor of Mississippi, 1984-1987; and Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Mississippi, 1980-1984.

As Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Jimmy was responsible for managing all of the regulatory and conservation programs of the former Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, Mississippi Board of Water Commissioners, Mississippi Geological Survey, and the Mississippi Mineral Lease Commission.

As Regional Administrator for USEPA Region 4, Jimmy was responsible, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina along the Mississippi and Alabama coasts, for overseeing the restoration of drinking water and wastewater systems, debris disposal, solid and hazardous waste disposal, and, along with the United States Coast Guard, the cleanup of releases of oil and hazardous substances.

Jimmy and his wife, Brenda, have three adult children.

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