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Service Focus

- Government Relations
- Workplace Safety

Industry Focus

- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Sports

OVERVIEW

Ed Foulke is the only attorney in the country confirmed by the U.S. Senate to run the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). He is currently a partner in the Atlanta office and the Washington, D.C. Metro office. He is the former co-chair of the firm's Workplace Safety and Catastrophe Management Practice Group. He is also the former President of Fisher Phillips Safety Solutions, LLC.

Prior to joining Fisher Phillips, Ed was the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health named by President George W. Bush. He served from April 2006 to November 2008. During his tenure at OSHA, workplace injury, illness and fatality rates dropped to their lowest levels in recorded history.

For more than 30 years, Ed has worked in the labor and employment area, focusing on occupational safety and health issues, workplace violence risk assessment and prevention, whistleblower protection, and accident and fatality prevention. He is

recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on occupational safety and health and is a frequent keynote speaker and lecturer on workplace safety, leadership development, and other labor and employment topics.

Ed has testified before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House Congressional Committees on occupational safety and health issues and appeared on CBS "60 Minutes".

He also served on the OSH Review Commission in Washington, D.C., chairing the Commission from March 1990 to February 1994. Ed is the only person in the United States to serve as both head of OSHA and Chairman of the Review Commission. Ed was named one of the "50 Most Influential EHS Leaders" by both EHS Today (2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013) and Occupational Hazards (2008) magazines.

Ed currently serves on the Florida Chamber Leadership Safety Council and on safety committees for the U.S. Poultry Association, the American Foundry Association, and the National Floor Safety Institute Safety Committee.

He is "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Credentials

Education

- Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, J.D., 1978
- Georgetown University, LL.M., 1993
- North Carolina State University, B.A., with honors, 1974

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
 - U.S. Supreme Court
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Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*, Occupational Safety & Health (2022-2025)
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Affiliations

Professional Activities

- Member, Florida Chamber Leadership Safety Council
- Member, Safety Committee, American Foundry Association
- Member, Safety Committee, United States Poultry Association
- Member, National Floor Safety Institute Safety Committee

Community Activities

- Member, Knights of Malta
- Member, Knights of Columbus
- Member, Sons of the American Revolution
- Member, National Republican Lawyers Association
- Lector, Cathedral of Christ the King
- Member, The Federalist Society

INSIGHTS

Insights

Aug 2, 2024

Workplace Law Update: 10 Essential Items on Your August To-Do List

News

Jul 15, 2024

Atlanta Partner Discusses OSHA's Proposed Heat Safety Rule

Insights

Jul 2, 2024

OSHA Releases First-Ever National Heat Safety Rule: 10 Steps for Employers

News

Jun 10, 2024

Fisher Phillips Earns Top Rankings Again as a Leading Firm in Labor and Employment Law by Chambers USA

News

May 16, 2024

Workplace Safety Partner Discusses OSHA's Record-Keeping and Reporting at Florida Chamber's 2024 Conference

Event

Mar 27, 2024

Effectively Handling an OSHA Inspection Under an Enforcement-Driven Administration