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Clifford D. Tatum serves as General Counsel for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). He is the former Executive Director for the District of Columbia Board of Elections. Prior to becoming the director of the DC Board of Elections, he served as an elections attorney providing consultative and legal services to state, county, and local election officials nationwide.

He specialized in providing election officials with compliance support in meeting the mandates of the Help America Vote Act, the National Voter Registration Act, the Uniform Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, along with other Federal and state regulatory schemes enacted to regulate the elections process.

Prior to becoming an elections consultant, Tatum served as the Interim Director of the Georgia State Elections Division and as an Assistant Director of Legal Affairs for the Georgia Secretary of State. In both roles, Tatum assisted with the creation, implementation and enforcement of Federal and state election initiatives enacted by the United States Congress and the Georgia General Assembly.

During his tenure with the Georgia Secretary of State, Tatum contributed to the development of public policy and procedures for conducting elections in the State of Georgia pursuant to Federal and state laws, acted as a legislative lobbyist for the Secretary of State, conducted administrative investigations and enforcement proceedings under the Georgia Election Code, and participated in state and national election conferences focusing on election administration and reform involving Federal and state election laws.

Prior to working for the Georgia Secretary of State, Tatum was an active trial attorney practicing commercial and general litigation in Atlanta Georgia. He also served as a Deputy Solicitor General for the City of East Point in the State of Georgia.

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