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Roger Gwinn, President and CEO of The Ferguson Group, oversees the management of the firm by leading the management team to direct overall operations, the delivery of client services and the development of new offerings to address the evolving needs of clients. Roger represents public agency and private interests specializing in water resources, community development and technology. A nationally recognized water infrastructure expert, Roger is known for creating and executing innovative and successful strategies to meet the challenging and complex needs of clients.

Recognized by Influence Magazine as one of Washington's six "Top Gun" appropriations lobbyists, Roger joined The Ferguson Group in 1993. Roger spent fifteen years on Capitol Hill, serving two members of Congress and as an associate staff member on the House Committee on Appropriations.

Roger leads the firm's representation of large-scale, regional water resources, environmental protection and economic development initiatives. Roger helped launch federal efforts to support restoration and protection of Puget Sound and ultimately the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, which has steered just under \$1 billion to this multi-state ecosystem restoration effort since FY 2000. He has worked with dozens of communities nationwide to help them secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds for storm water, wastewater and drinking water system improvements. For example, helping one rural community secure more than \$80 million in federal assistance to help defray the local construction costs of a new regional drinking water facility. In addition, Roger has led the firm's representation of regional scale water reuse projects, including one where seven public agencies in three counties are collaborating on a comprehensive regional water reuse program to help meet the water supply needs of agriculture, urban areas and the environment.

A long-time advocate of enactment of a Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) which would provide a source of low-cost, long-term financing for water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects, Roger leads TFG's efforts to improve existing policies and enact new legislation to broaden access to federal grants and create new financing options to help deal with the complex water challenges of today and tomorrow.

Roger was a member of the inaugural class of the Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows Program. He is among the founders of eCivis, the nation's leader in online grants information and grants management for local governments. Roger has his B.A. in Political Science from North Carolina State University.

Experience: Experience 1

Experience 2

Practice Areas: <u>Transportation</u>

Water Resources

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Economic Development

<u>Transportation</u>

Results: Federal Funding for Innovative Technologies

Helping Communities Fund Innovative Energy

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