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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CERTIFIED WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST/CONSULTANT

2002- Present **Barber and Mann, Inc.**, Ridgeland, MS
Founder and past Vice President. Certified Wildlife Biologist for firm specializing in conservation planning, conservation and historic preservation easement appraisals, land planning, landscape architecture, specialized consulting and real estate. Consulting services include conservation planning and grant administration for non-profits, federal and state agencies and private landowners in the Southeast U.S.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1998 – 2003 **American Lung Association of Mississippi and Mississippi Thoracic Society** Ridgeland, MS
CEO of state's oldest voluntary health organization. Oversaw all lung health program, administrative, education, professional, policy, strategic planning, communication, research and grant administration and operations of lung health organization.

Mississippi Wildlife Federation Jackson, MS 1989 – 1998

1991 – 1998 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Managed operations of non-profit conservation organization including membership, education programs, resource committees, volunteer coordination, strategic planning, fundraising, grant administration, advocacy efforts and communication. Coordinated efforts of three staff and 40 board members statewide.

1990 – 1991 **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND EDITOR**
Supervised staff, investigated issues of concern for Board of Directors and coordinated fundraisers. Edited and wrote for *Mississippi Wildlife* magazine and other publications.

1989 – 1990 **GRADUATE STUDENT INTERN**
Coordinated Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza (consumer show and fundraiser for conservation programs). Designed membership surveys and developed communication plan.

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1984-1988

- 1987 – 1988 **PARK RANGER** Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Columbus, MS
Responsible for inspections, permits, law enforcement, recreation management and operations in territory from Aberdeen to Fulton, MS along waterway and adjacent public lands. Assisted project biologists and foresters with all resource management including creel surveys, re-vegetation of borrow pits, creation and enhancement of wildlife habitat, reforestation and forest management, prescribed burning, supplemental feeding and artificial nesting. Developed and presented educational and interpretive programs to public.
- 1984 – 1986
semesters) **PARK RANGER TRAINEE** (Cooperative Educational Student – 4 alternate
Allatoona Lake, Cartersville, GA and Tenn-Tom Waterway, Columbus, MS
Participated in all phases of recreation management, including water and land patrols, reforestation and wildlife management operations, visitation and interpretation, maintenance and construction of recreational facilities and law enforcement.

EDUCATION

Mississippi College
Master of Science in Communication 1990
With Highest Honors

Mississippi State University
Bachelor of Science in Forestry/Wildlife Management 1987
Cooperative Education Program
Cum Laude

HONORS / VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Southeast Watershed Forum Board of Directors (2015)
City of Ridgeland Community Awareness Committee (2012-13)
Master Gardener, Madison County, MSU Extension Service (1999 – Present)
Mississippi College Distinguished Alumni, Department of Communication, 2010
Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources Alumnus of the Year (2017)
Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources Bulldog Forest Advisory Board
Mississippi Wildlife Federation Hall of Fame 2010
Conservation Service Citation, National Wildlife Federation, 1998
Former Vice President, Mississippi Wildlife Federation Board of Directors
Past Chair, Catholic Charities Governance Council, Jackson Diocese Advisory Board
Past Chair, Voter Registration, Madison County Republican Women
Past Chair, Congress of Lung Association CEO Assembly