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For the North Carolina Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Tom focuses on federal appropriations and policy issues. Before joining TNC in 2007, Tom worked on federal government relations for UNC-Chapel Hill. As a consultant in Washington DC, he investigated policy issues relating to energy, climate change, biological diversity, and agricultural biotechnology. Tom was a legal consultant for the U.N. Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity for several negotiations of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Montreal. He served in the U.S. Peace Corps as an agroforestry extension agent in Senegal, West Africa. Tom has been active in the American Bar Association's Section on Energy and Environmental Resources and served as *pro bono* counsel to Afghanistan's Environment Minister for constitutional negotiations as well as assisting in drafting Afghanistan's Environmental Management Act. Tom has a B.S. in biology from Davidson College, earned an administrative law certificate from the Jean Monnet School of Law in Paris, and holds a J.D. from Vermont Law School. Tom is admitted to the bar in Massachusetts, is fluent in French and is conversant in Wolof (local language of Senegal). Other policy expertise includes international climate and trade regimes, promoting a corporate average fuel economy alternative, as well as extensive agricultural biotechnology science and policy matters.