

J. Rutherford Seydel



Rutherford Seydel's ties to Georgia and to the City of Atlanta date back to 1919 when his family became involved in the state's textile chemical industry. He is a fourth generation Atlantan. Seydel is a partner at the Atlanta law firm of Lawson, Davis, Pickren & Seydel, and very active in the firm's fast growing real estate, franchising and business transactions practices. He is also involved in numerous entrepreneurial enterprises, private and public foundations.

Seydel is a director and vice-chairman of The Conservation Fund, co-founder and CEO of the Upper Chattahoochee RiverKeeper Fund, Inc. and is a member of the Georgia State Properties Commission. He sits on the board of directors of Southern Environmental Law Center, Turner Environmental Law Clinic at Emory University School of Law, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Atlanta Sports Council. Mr. Seydel, through the Atlanta Spirit Company, is part owner of NHL franchise Atlanta Thrashers and NBA franchise Atlanta Hawks.

Seydel completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia in 1986 and graduated in 1989 from the Walter F. George-Mercer Law School in Macon. He and his wife, Laura Turner Seydel, have three children: John, Laura and Vasser.