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## Biography

Brad Carver is the Senior Managing Director of HBS Government Affairs and is a member of the Government Affairs, Energy, Regulatory and Utilities, Environmental, Mass Torts and Land Use, International, and Business Litigation practice groups. He is the District Chairman of the 11th Congressional District, a member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Republican Party, an alternate delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, and a delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, OH. Prior to Hall Booth Smith, P.C., Brad worked for Miller & Martin, Alston & Bird, the Georgia Municipal Association, and Georgia Power Company.

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During law school, Brad deployed with the Army to Tuzla, Bosnia, from May 1996 to January 1997 as the Commander of a Detachment of the 341st Adjutant General Co. and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. In September 2003, Brad returned

## Services

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to Atlanta from a 14-month tour of duty in Kuwait and Iraq where he supported 3rd Army as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service during combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Brad retired after 28 years of service at the end of 2018 from the U.S. Army Reserves in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, with his last duty position being Team leader at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

## Experience

### Business Litigation

Brad and his team represent business entities in their formation and ongoing operations. He also has a robust economic development practice negotiating tax incentives from state and local governments for clients.

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### Energy, Regulatory & Utilities

Brad focuses his practice on energy, utilities, environmental and local government law specializing in electric, natural gas, and telecommunications regulation. He represents clients before the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and the Georgia General Assembly.

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### Environmental, Mass Torts & Land Use

Brad specializes in representing clients before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Brad is Special Executive Counsel to Governor Sonny Perdue on water issues. He also represents clients on Clean Water Act issues, particularly water and wastewater permitting issues with the EPD. He understands

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the current water, land, and green technology issues the facing the Southeast. Brad also works with local government entities to plan, permit and implement solutions to provide long-term reliable water resources to the citizens of those communities.

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## Government Affairs

Brad is Senior Managing Director of HBS Government Affairs and represents clients before the Georgia General Assembly and various state commissions and agencies. He has been very active in the Georgia and Fulton County Republican Parties. He served as a strategist in numerous national and statewide political campaigns including serving as a Congressional District Chairman for John McCain's Campaign in 2008, Speaker Newt Gingrich's Presidential Campaign in 2012, Legal Counsel to the 2002 Sonny Perdue Campaign, and County Chairman to Lt. Governor Casey Cagle's campaign. He is currently General Counsel to the Buckhead Young Republicans, was Treasurer of the Coverdell Leadership Institute Class of 2007 and is on the Board of the Republican Leadership for Georgia. Brad is also Vice-Chairman of the Fulton County Republican Party, Chairman of the 11th Congressional District and serves on the Georgia Republican Party's Board of Governors and State Executive Committee. He was an Alternate to the Republican National Convention in Tampa in 2012 and a Delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in 2016. He has served as Special Executive Counsel to the Governor on water issues which landed him on the History Channel "How the States Got Their Shapes" and on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. He was named the Georgia Republican "Man of the Year" in 2011, was a *Daily Report Dozen Under 40 in 2008*, and *Atlanta Business Chronicle (2007)* and *Georgia Trend 40 Under 40 (2011)*.

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## International Business

Brad specializes in economic development and negotiates tax incentives from state and local governments for clients. He also helps international clients looking to locate their operations in

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Georgia and the rest of the Southeast and focuses particularly on German clients. He currently serves as the Secretary of the German American Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta. Brad is also a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association.

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## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

- Georgia (1999)

### Education

- J.D., *cum laude and honor graduate*, University of Georgia, 1999
- M.B.A., *cum laude and honor graduate*, University of Georgia, 1999
- B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, Duke University, 1994

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Atlanta Young Republican, Life Member
- Buckhead Young Republicans, General Counsel
- Energy Bar Association

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- Federalist Society
- Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Council
- Georgia GOP Election Confidence Task Force- Chairman
- Georgia Economic Developers Association
- Georgia Lawyers Association

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- Georgia Professional Lobbyist Association, Board Member
- Georgia Young Republican, Member/Advisor
- German American Chamber of Commerce, Secretary
- Republican National Lawyers Association
- Reserve Officers Association
- Southeastern Energy Society
- State Bar of Georgia

## Recognition

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (2)
- Army Commendation Medal (2)
- [\*The Best Lawyers in America\*®](#), Utilities Law, Best Lawyers®, 2020-2024
- Energy/Environmental Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2021
- Top Registered Lobbyists, James Magazine, 2020

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- Georgia Super Lawyers ® Rising Star, 2007-2010, 2013
- Rising Star, James Magazine, 2010-2011
- Georgia Young Republican Man of The Year, 2011
- 40 Under 40, Georgia Trend Magazine, 2011
- Legal Elite, Georgia Trend Magazine, 2009-2010
- Honor Graduate, Judge Advocate General Officer Advanced Course, 2010
- On The Rise - Under 40, Fulton Daily Report, 2008
- Leadership Excellence, 176th Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, 2008

## Publications

- [\*\*Buckhead Bidding For New Congress District\*\*](#)  
Atlanta Business Chronicle, August 5-11, 2011, Page 3A
- [\*\*A Year After Ruling, Our Water Future Is Now Bright\*\*](#)  
Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 14, 2010.

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- **Tapping The Tennessee River At Georgia's Northwest Corner**

A Solution to North Georgia's Water Supply Crisis, February 2008

- **Electric Legalities: A Look At The Electric Industry's Top Legal Concerns**

Utility Safety Magazine, February 2002, Volume 5, Number 1

- **The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia? The Effect of Electric and Gas Deregulation on Georgia's Cities**

August 15, 1997 - Written under the supervision of Professor R. Perry Sentell, Carter Professor of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, in conjunction with the Georgia Municipal Association. Published and provided to GMA member cities and the Georgia Public Service Commission. The paper was also presented at a CLE class in Athens and given to all participating City and County attorneys.

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