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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 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

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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.

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.

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 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

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water resources to the citizens of those communities.

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 both 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's "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 named to the 40 Under 40 list in both the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* (2007) and *Georgia Trend* (2011) magazines.

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 Georgia and the rest of the Southeast and focuses particularly on

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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.

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 Republicans: 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
- Georgia Professional Lobbyist Association: Board Member

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- Georgia Young Republicans: Member/Advisor
- German American Chamber of Commerce: Secretary
- Republican National Lawyers Association
- Reserve Officers Association
- Southeastern Energy Society

Recognition

- [*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
- Georgia Rising Star, Super Lawyers®; 2007-2010, 2013

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- 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
- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (2)
- Army Commendation Medal (2)

Publications

- [**Buckhead Bidding For New Congress District**](#)
Atlanta Business Chronicle; August 5-11, 2011
- [**A Year After Ruling, Our Water Future Is Now Bright**](#)
Atlanta Journal-Constitution; July 14, 2010
- [**Tapping The Tennessee River At Georgia's Northwest Corner**](#)

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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

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

Georgia Municipal Association & Georgia Public Service Commission; August 15, 1997

In the Press

55 Hall Booth Smith Lawyers Recognized as 2024 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

August 21, 2023

We're pleased to announce that 55 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In America 2023

August 18, 2022

47 lawyers from the firm have been honored in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

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Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored by The Best Lawyers In America® 2022

August 19, 2021

We're excited to announce that 25 HBS lawyers have been recognized in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

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Hall Booth Smith Attorneys Honored By The Best Lawyers In America© 2021

August 20, 2020

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) is pleased to announce 24 lawyers from the firm were honored in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America© . This award is based on an evaluation process that includes a collection of client and lawyer evaluations and peer reviews from attorneys in the same field. These HBS

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HBS Partner Elected Congressional District Leader

April 27, 2015

On Saturday, April 18 the Georgia Republican Party's 11th Congressional District met to elect their leaders. HBS Partner and Senior Managing Director of Government Affairs, Brad Carver, was elected chairman. "It is an honor to serve Georgia's 11th

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Congressional District as Chairman," said Carver. "Working with our congressman, Barry Loudermilk, together we will grow the Republican

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[Partner Brad Carver Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army](#)

October 16, 2014

Partner Brad Carver has been selected by the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General (JAG) for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Carver is currently headquartered in Decatur, GA, where he actively serves in the U.S. Army Reserves as the Operations Officer and Senior Legal Opinions Attorney for the 213th Legal Operations Detachment. During law school,

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[Brad Carver,](#)

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HBS Partner appointed to the Atlanta Commission on Veteran Affairs by Atlanta City Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell

August 12, 2014

HBS Partner, Brad Carver has been appointed to the Atlanta Commission on Veteran Affairs by the Atlanta City Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell. HBS is honored to have one of its partners selected to serve on the Commission. Brad Carver is the Senior Managing Director of the HBS Government Affairs group; and also is a member of

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HBS Recognized by

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James Magazine

December 30, 2013

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) was recently ranked by James Magazine as the fourth Top Governmental Affairs Firms in their December 2013 Issue. In addition, attorney Ms. Elizabeth Wharton of HBS was selected as one of the “Powerchicks” Top Female Lobbyists. These rankings are conducted annually and were compiled by Majority Research Polling for James

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Brad Carver Becomes Newest Columnist for James Magazine

August 19, 2013

Brad Carver, partner and Senior Managing Director of Government Affairs at Hall Booth Smith has become the newest regular columnist/contributor to James magazine, the nine

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year old publication devoted to covering Georgia politics and related issues. James is published by InsiderAdvantage/Internet News Agency owner of InsiderAdvantageGeorgia (www.insideradvantage.com) and the Southern Political report (www.southernpoliticalreport.com). Carver joins

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Brad Carver's Guest Column in The Atlanta Journal Constitution: "Good-faith effort avoids litigation"

April 18, 2013

Good-faith effort avoids litigation By: Brad Carver, The Atlanta Journal Constitution For nearly 200 years, Georgia and Tennessee have been disputing the location of their border. Georgia House Resolution 4 is the Peach State's effort to be a good neighbor to our Volunteer

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neighbors, encouraging them to put the proverbial fence in the correct place. Flowing through

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[Hall Booth Smith Hosted an Evening Reception with Special Guest, The Honorable Michael Thurmond in Our Atlanta Office](#)

April 17, 2013

On March 27, 2013, Hall Booth Smith, along with our partner and former Senate Minority Leader, Michael Meyer von Bremen hosted an evening reception with special guest, The Honorable Michael Thurmond in our Atlanta office. Brad Carver, Senior Managing Director of Government Affairs, stated, "We were happy to have the House and Senate Democratic leadership teams

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Brad Carver
Quoted in
Atlanta's NPR
Station, 90.1
FM WABE:
"Lobbyist
Spending
Down
Significantly
This
Legislative
Session"

April 16, 2013

Lobbyist Spending Down Significantly This Legislative Session By: Jonathan Shapiro, WABE News Lobbyist spending on state lawmakers was down more than 30 percent this legislative session compared to last year, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. From January to March, lobbyists spent nearly \$590,000 on lawmakers for food, drink, and entertainment. That's compared to about \$900,000

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April 11, 2013

In Latest War Between the States, Georgia Says Tennessee Is All Wet By: Cameron McWhirter, The Wall Street Journal MARION COUNTY, Tenn.—Brad Carver, a Georgia lobbyist, is thirsting for a small patch of land just north of the line now dividing Georgia from Tennessee. Two centuries ago, surveyors from Georgia and Tennessee marched through the region’s

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Brad Carver,
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Continues His
Efforts to
Resolve a 200
Year Old
Water Dispute
Between
Georgia and
Tennessee

March 29, 2013

Tennessee, Georgia at war over state line; battle could go to Supreme Court By: Lindsay Burkholder, Chattanooga Times Free Press Despite nine previous resolutions that have left a 200-year-old border dispute unresolved, Georgia lawmakers want Tennessee to know this time they mean business. In a vote Monday, Georgia senators approved House Resolution 4 with one

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Most important bill of 2013? A river runs through it

March 28, 2013

By: Kyle Wingfield, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
The final day of the legislative session is upon us, with a variety of high-profile bills from guns to ethics to education yet to be decided. But legislators already have taken what could become one of their most consequential actions this year. And it's not even a law. HR 4 is a

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Patrick Millsaps, Michael Meyer von Bremen and Brad Carver Mentioned in the Atlanta Journal

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Constitution

March 28, 2013

By: Jim Galloway, The Atlanta Journal Constitution

Sometime today, the Senate will take up H.B. 132, a bill that would remove licensing for dentists, hygienists and pharmacists from Secretary of State Brian Kemp, and create two new, independent boards Should the measure pass, Kemp said Monday, 16 or so state employees will lose their jobs

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Brad Carver, Senior Managing Director of Government Affairs in The Marietta Daily Journal

February 26, 2013

By: Brad Carver, The Marietta Daily Journal Robert Frost wrote in 1914 that “good fences make good neighbors.” That theory holds true as long as the fence is on

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the correct side of the property line. Georgia House Resolution 4, now pending in the state legislature, is the Peach State's effort to be a good neighbor

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Brad Carver,
Senior
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Director of
Government
Affairs
Featured
inThe Atlanta
Journal-
Constitution

February 26, 2013

Georgians Dream of Tapping Tennessee to End Water Woes By: Greg Bluestein and Melissa Abbey, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
COLE CITY HOLLOW, Tenn. — COLE CITY HOLLOW, Tenn. — On a rainy day, the grassy patch of land just across Georgia's northwest border is muddy and forlorn. No one lives here, but there are people: about 85

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Senior
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Government
Affairs
Featured in
wsbradio.com

February 21, 2013

Bill to change Georgia's border with Tenn. moves forward Reported By: Sandra Parrish from wsbradio.com
ATLANTA — A State Senate committee signs off on a plan to change Georgia's border with Tennessee. The resolution would give up most of Georgia's claim to 66 square miles wrongly given to Tennessee in a faulty survey in 1818. It

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Government Affairs Featured in The Chattanooga Times Free Press

February 21, 2013

Georgia panel advances border bill in order to get to get Tennessee River water
By: Tim Omarzu, Chattanooga Times Free Press ATLANTA — Georgia State Rep. Harry Geisinger, R-Roswell, hopes the 10th time will be the charm for Georgia in its longstanding border — and water — dispute with Tennessee. On Wednesday afternoon Geisinger presented the

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Brad Carver, Senior Managing Director of Government

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Affairs **Featured in** **WDEF News12**

February 19, 2013

Georgia Again Seeks Water from Nickajack Reported By: Bill Mitchell from WDEF News12 Georgia lawmakers have renewed their efforts to get access to water from Nickajack Lake. The House of Representatives on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly to seek an agreement with the state of Tennessee to share the Tennessee River water..and settle a border dispute that

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HBS Hosts 7th **Annual Pig** **Roast to** **Support** **Atlanta** **Community** **Food Bank**

February 1, 2013

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) hosted its 7th Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Atlanta Community Food

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Bank on January 29th at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta. Over 700 guests, including many state and local leaders, gathered to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank as they enjoyed outstanding food, entertaining music, and excellent fellowship.

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John Hall, Brad Carver, and Patrick Millsaps Recognized as Most Influential

April 19, 2012

The law firm of Hall Booth Smith (HBS) is proud to announce that attorneys John Hall, Jr. and Brad Carver of the firm's Atlanta office and Patrick Millsaps of the Albany office are recognized in the Most Influential edition of James Magazine. John Hall, Jr. appears on the 2012 James's Most Influential list. The list honors the most influential

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Brad Carver **Mentioned in** **Atlanta** **Business** **Chronicle:** **Georgia** **lawmakers eye** **Tennessee** **River's water**

February 10, 2012

(courtesy of the Atlanta Business Chronicle) Georgia lawmakers eye Tennessee River's water A new legislative effort is under way to solve metro Atlanta's water supply problems by turning to the Tennessee River. A bill introduced into the Georgia Senate Feb. 1 would exempt a portion of the Tennessee River basin inside Georgia from an 11-year-old

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HBS Supports **Atlanta** **Community** **Food Bank**

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with 6th Annual Pig Roast

January 27, 2012

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) hosted its 6th Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The event was held on January 24th at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta. Over 600 distinguished guests gathered to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank while enjoying outstanding food and excellent fellowship. The Pig Roast, first

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Rufus Montgomery and Brad Carver Mentioned as Volunteers for Gingrich Campaign

January 13, 2012

Buckhead Volunteer for
Gingrich Hopeful of Top 3

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Iowa Finish (article by: Louis Mayeux of Buckhead Patch) Attorney Brad Carver of Buckhead, one of 30 Georgia volunteers for Newt Gingrich's campaign in Iowa, said the campaign remains hopeful of a top three finish in the state's caucuses Tuesday night. Carver told Buckhead Patch from Iowa Tuesday

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HBS Recognized by James Magazine

December 8, 2011

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. was recently ranked by James Magazine as the third top Large Law Firm Associated Lobbying Firms in their October/November 2011 Issue. In addition, five HBS attorneys were ranked in the top ten Rising Stars while one of their attorneys tied as one of the top ten Power Chicks. HBS was honored to have their attorneys recognized as

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Brad Carver's 40 under 40 win featured in Buckhead Patch

October 31, 2011

By: Louis Mayeux North
Buckhead resident Brad
Carver was named to Georgia
Trend magazine's "40 Under
40" list. Senior managing
director of Hall Booth Smith
government affairs practice,
Carver, is featured in the
magazine's October issue
along with two other
employees of the law firm,
Patrick Millsaps and Rufus
Montgomery, according to a
news release from the

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Carver, Millsaps and Montgomery all named as Georgia Trend's 40 under 40 for

2011

October 4, 2011

Brad Carver, Patrick Millsaps, and Rufus Montgomery were selected for Georgia Trend' magazine's "40 Under 40" award. This is the first time ever that three individuals from the same firm have been selected. [Click Here to Read Original Article](#)

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Brad Carver discusses the importance of the 2012 election in the AJC

September 22, 2011

September 21, 2011 U.S. needs change at the top (Atlanta Journal Constitution)
By Brad Carver As the government affairs leader at my law firm, I work on public policy projects benefiting Georgia. My passion is to foster economic development and a positive environment for private business to thrive. Fortunately, the South has pro-business, fiscally

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conservative

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[Attorney Brad Carver on NPR](#)

September 19, 2011

Brad Carver was quoted in “Redistricting Buckhead” on NPR recently concerning the new Congressional redistricting map Georgia Republicans drew.

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[Brad Carver featured in the Atlanta Business Chronicle](#)

August 12, 2011

Brad Carver, a Buckhead resident and partner in the Atlanta office of HBS, was featured in the August issue of Atlanta Business Chronicle regarding Buckhead’s bidding for new Congress District. As a Republican, Carver supported the proposal that his neighborhood be moved into a district in the north metro

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suburbs. Download the full article (PDF)

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[HBS on History Channel](#)

May 4, 2011

HBS attorneys, Brad Carver and Scott Cole, escorted the History Channel Network to the Camack Stone site at the Alabama-Tennessee-Georgia boundary location alongside the Tennessee River. The modern day boundary dispute was profiled as part of the History Channel special, "How the States Got Their Shapes" and aired on May 3rd.

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[HBS attorneys make Georgia Trend's 8th annual listing of Georgia's top attorneys](#)

December 7, 2010

Georgia Trend has officially

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announced their 8th annual list of Georgia's top attorneys which includes seven of our very own here at Hall Booth Smith. Selected by their peers, the votes were compiled and categorized by nine practice areas: business law; personal injury litigation; criminal law; labor and employment; taxes; estates and trusts; bankruptcy and creditors'

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James Magazine 2010 Rankings are out and HBS is proud of the outstanding results

December 7, 2010

James Magazine sets out every year to rank Georgia's lobbying corps. Hall Booth Smith moved up this year being ranked the 7th lobbying firm in the large firm category. The firm was also well represented in the other categories. Congratulations to the following Rising Star

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winners: Brad Carver placed
4th Chad Wingate and Joel
McKie tied

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[A Year After Ruling, Our Water Future Is Now Bright](#)

July 15, 2010

In a recent article for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, HBS Partner Brad Carver and Of Counsel Scott Cole discuss the latest developments in the Georgia water ruling. The Georgia Comprehensive State-Wide Water Management Plan is highlighted along with its correlation to the continued legislation for Lake Lanier.

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