

Government Relations

Georgia

Atlanta partner, **Stan Jones**, has more than 40 years of experience in government relations. In particular, he has expertise in healthcare law and administrative law and leads Georgia's government relations team. Mr. Jones's government relations career began with former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter and he later served in the White House under the Carter Administration and at the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Jones has deep knowledge and experience in crafting and managing legislative proposals involving child welfare, education, insurance, healthcare, mental health and taxation issues. He has also served on a number of statewide commissions on mental health issues and presently sits on the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Coordinating Council. Mr. Jones is widely acknowledged as an outstanding lawyer, having been recognized by Chambers USA; The Best Lawyers in America (healthcare law 2008-2021 and government relations law 2007-2021); and Super Lawyers (healthcare and government relations).



Stan Jones



Helen Sloat

Helen Sloat, a legislative consultant with Nelson Mullins, has more than twenty-five years of experience as a lobbyist in Georgia. She has achieved substantial successes for clients, in particular around State appropriations processes, child welfare, education, and healthcare issues, and actively monitors state legislation and associated rule proposals before regulatory agencies. Ms. Sloat thoroughly researches, drafts bills and amendments, and lobbies for bills' introduction and passage, coordinating necessary logistics to assure adoption. Ms. Sloat is the pioneer of Nelson Mullins's Gold Dome Report, which she started more than twenty years ago to highlight the General Assembly's actions on a daily basis during their 40-day legislative session. The Gold Dome Report is widely-regarded as the best, to be disseminated electronically to clients and interested parties. Ms. Sloat and Mr. Jones have worked together as a team since 1994 developing the Firm's government relations practice Georgia.



George Ray

George Ray is an associate practicing Georgia government relations, state and local administrative law, regulatory proceedings, and general business litigation. Mr. Ray has a wealth of experience, previously serving the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives and working in the Office of the Executive Counsel to the Governor. He also worked as a lobbyist for Georgia Tech, his alma mater, prior to attending law school at the University of Georgia. Although he works with each of the team's clients, Mr. Ray is focused on education and health matters, working with clients to craft and implement strategy, building coalitions, analyzing legislation, researching and drafting bills and amendments, and advocating for introduction and passage of bills and budget allocations. Mr. Ray is also a lead collaborator with Ms. Sloat on the Gold Dome Report and leads the team's social media efforts.



Sam Marticke

Sam Marticke is a government relations assistant who joined the Georgia team in 2019. Mr. Marticke is responsible for assisting clients and the team with logistics for day-to-day activities at the State Capitol, monitoring legislative committee and floor action, and crafting reports for clients and the Gold Dome Report. Mr. Marticke is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Policy and International Affairs and has previously served as an aide to a Georgia State Senator and in political campaigns. He was recently selected as a "rising star" by James, a publication about Georgia politics and lobbying.