

Mr. John E. Krueger

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John Krueger currently serves as Senior Vice President of Public Policy for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. In this position, he manages the research and development of policy positions through the management of the Chamber's nine board-level policy committees. He also assists in the development and implementation of the Chamber's government affairs agenda.

Prior to joining the Georgia Chamber, John spent nearly 20 years serving in various government, public affairs and media relations roles in both the public and private sectors.

John began his career serving nearly five years as a professional staff member for a U.S. Congressman in Washington, D.C., most of that time as Press Secretary. Following that experience, he served for more than six years in the Texas Legislature on the staffs of two State Senators handling media communications and legislative policy. Krueger also worked for two years as a government affairs consultant representing the interests of several corporate clients before the Texas Legislature. He then spent six years as a government and public affairs consultant assisting clients on the successful implementation of their legislative, regulatory and public affairs priorities at the state and federal levels.

Krueger's work has led to residencies in Washington, D.C., Austin, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia as well as a short-term assignment in Indianapolis, Indiana. During his tenures, John has worked on a wide range of policy issues including telecommunications regulations, electric utilities management, economic development, tort reform, taxation, local government authority, public information access, environmental regulations, health care reforms and property rights.

John currently resides in Marietta, Georgia with his three children.

Mr. Bryan R. Tolar

Vice President of Public Affairs
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Bryan R. Tolar is Vice President of Public Affairs for the Georgia Agribusiness Council, Inc., the State's broad based trade association for the entire food and fiber industry. The mission of the Georgia Agribusiness Council is to ***"advance the business of agriculture and promote environmental stewardship to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Georgia."***

Tolar joined the Council in 1997, working in the legislative and regulatory arenas representing agricultural interests and assists in member relations regarding environmental, transportation, education, labor and general agribusiness issues. He has served on numerous state and regional boards working on state water policy and provides advice and direction to the 11 regional councils established to develop a comprehensive statewide water plan by 2011. In addition to traditional agriculture, Tolar works with the urban agriculture industry, including horticulture, turfgrass, landscape design and installation interests. Over 700 Georgia businesses are members of the Council ranging from family farming operations to retail farm suppliers and from grain elevators to wholesale produce distributors.

Tolar received his agribusiness undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in 1992. Prior to joining the Council, he worked for five years coordinating regulatory compliance programs for the Pesticide Division of the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Bryan and his wife Keri live in Douglasville, GA with their dog Gizmo.

Mr. George L. (Roy) Bowen III

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Roy Bowen is President of Georgia Traditional Manufacturers Association; the statewide trade association that represents Georgia's manufacturing employers in legislative and regulatory matters. HE is also President of The Textile Education Foundation, which provides financial and scholarship assistance in support of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He also serves as President of the Coalition of Georgia Business for Sound Energy Policy, representing industrial energy consumers before the Georgia Public Service Commission and at the Georgia General Assembly.

Mr. Bowen has a long and distinguished record of public service in the areas of education, employment, and training. He served on the Governing Board of the Technical College System of Georgia for 15 years and is currently President of the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation. He is also a member of the Advisory Council to the State Board of Workers' Compensation and of the Commissioner of Labor's Advisory Council.

A member of the 1991 Class of Leadership Georgia, Mr. Bowen is a member of the Georgia Society of Association Executives, the Atlanta Rotary Club, serves on the board of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and is the immediate Past President of the Cherokee Town and Country Club.

Prior to joining GTMA in 1984, Mr. Bowen was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 14 years where he was responsible for labor relations and governmental affairs. He is a 1970 graduate of The University of California, Santa Barbara and holds a bachelor's degree in political science. He and his wife, Dorothea, have one son, Scott, and reside in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Gregory Negas Pierce

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Gregory Pierce joined Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) in 1987 and currently serves as executive vice president and chief administrative officer/CFO. He is responsible for all financial, accounting, reporting, human resources, research and technology functions of ACVB and related subsidiaries, reporting directly to the CEO and board of directors. Pierce serves on the boards of all of ACVB's subsidiary companies: ACVB Enterprises, LTD, ATCOMM Publishing and ACVB Foundation, Inc. He is directly involved in setting the strategy for metropolitan Atlanta's largest industry which drives direct economic impact of approximately \$10 billion dollars a year. Pierce's duties also include the oversight of the company's consolidated annual budget of approximately \$21 million.

Pierce manages the facilities and leasing negotiations for ACVB and related company space requirements, totaling 40,000 square feet. He is also responsible for the creation and implementation of a structured compensation plan designed to target employees' pay at their level of performance, along with all performance management programs and employee benefit plans.

Pierce is recognized as a leader in the destination marketing industry and is often invited to speak on a variety of topics at industry meetings. These topics include performance management, compensation plan design, web marketing, destination research tactics, and others.

His previous employment includes Pannell Kerr Forster, certified public accountants, from 1984 to 1987. Pierce is a native Atlantan and a graduate of Emory University's Goizueta Business School. Pierce is also an alumnus of Leadership Atlanta Class of 2001.

Pierce's extensive community involvement is focused primarily on the arts community. He currently serves on the boards of directors of 7 Stages Theatre, Several Dancers Core, and Dance Augusta. He is currently chairing the board Several Dancers Core and is treasurer of 7 Stages Theatre. He has previously served on the board of Beacon Dance Company. Pierce served for three years on the Dance Panel for the Georgia Council for the Arts traveling the state of Georgia reviewing dance companies applying for state funding. He also worked as an advisor for more than a decade to 7 Stages Theatre and the Augusta Ballet.

Mr. Lamar Norton

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Since January 2002, Lamar has been the Director of Governmental Relations for the Georgia Municipal Association, a voluntary, non-profit organization representing 512 member cities, nearly 100 percent of Georgia's municipal population. His department directs the Association's lobbying efforts at the General Assembly which are focused on strengthening cities as strong economic centers in Georgia. The department also creates interaction with the Congressional delegation and helps build grassroots awareness networks through GMA's Outreach and District coordination efforts.

Lamar is a graduate of Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia, having received a Bachelor of Science degree. He is an active member of a number of boards and professional associations including; Past President of the American Lung Association, Past Chair of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators Trustees, Past Chair of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Past Chair of the Georgia Housing Finance Authority, member of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development, Regional Leadership Institute, Regional Leadership Foundation, Whitfield Economic Development Authority and several city/county Chamber of Commerce.

Lamar Norton has been involved in community service for over 40 years, having been previously employed with Georgia Power for 33 of those years. As Manager of Community Development, for his last eight years while at Georgia Power, he was instrumental in building relationships with local governmental officials, state department heads, chamber of commerce, local boards of education and development authorities to increase Georgia's ability to attract economic growth throughout the state.

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA): Created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA's membership currently totals 512 municipal governments, accounting for more than 99% of the state's municipal population. A 56-member Board of Directors, composed of city officials, governs GMA. Program implementation is charged to the Executive Director and staff of over 80 full-time employees. GMA's mission is to anticipate and influence the forces shaping Georgia's communities and to provide leadership, tools, and services that assist local governments in becoming more innovative, effective, and responsive.

Mr. Clint Mueller

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As the Legislative Director for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, Mr. Mueller plays an essential leadership role in serving as a liaison between counties and the state and directing the efforts and initiatives of the organization's policy team. He is also responsible for conducting research on state and federal policy issues, and determining their impact on county government. As ACCG's lobbyist to the Georgia General Assembly, Mr. Mueller works to ensure the passing of favorable legislation for counties.

An accomplished author on local government issues, he has authored ACCG's Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) guide, the Public Safety and Revenue Chapters of the County Commissioners Handbook, and a video on property taxes. He is also a frequent contributor to *Georgia County Government* magazine and other state trade publications, writing on a variety of subjects ranging from legislative issues to effective county management and is an instructor in ACCG's Certified Commissioners Advanced Program. Before serving as ACCG's Legislative Director, Mr. Mueller served as the organization's Assistant Director of Financial & Management Services and Assistant Legislative Director, respectively.

Working closely with members of the General Assembly, Mr. Mueller has played an integral role in passing several pieces of legislation that includes Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, Tax Allocation Districts, Forestland Protection Act, Brownfield Remediation, Cable Franchise Reform, and Enhanced 911. This year Mr. Mueller helped pass legislation to reform Georgia's property tax system, and legislation to improve sales tax collection compliance.

An active participant in several professional associations, Mr. Mueller is a member of the Georgia City/County Managers Association, Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, Georgia Association of Assessing Officials and a graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute and member of the Regional Atlanta Civic League.

In 1994, he attained his Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Justice Studies and a minor in Psychology and Sociology at Georgia Southern University. He went on to complete a Masters of Public Administration degree at the University of Georgia in 1997.

Mr. Mueller resides in Cherokee County with his wife, and three children. He is an active community member, serving in his church, coaching little league baseball and as a citizen advisor for the Bells Ferry Redevelopment District and President of the Oak Pointe Homeowners Association.

Mr. Carter Burton

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Carter Burton is the President of Spine360, a medical device OEM with a range of spinal fixation hardware and associated surgical instruments, based in Austin, TX. Carter's previously led new investment originations for the \$1.2 billion US medical device segment of GE Capital based out of Alpharetta. Carter is currently the Co-Chair of the Medical Device Subcommittee for the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and also serves on the Bioscience Leadership Board. Carter also sits on a number of Boards in the Atlanta area. He received his MBA from Kellogg and a Masters in Engineering Management from Northwestern University.

Mr. Tino J. Mantella

President, Technology Association of Georgia

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Tino Mantella joined TAG in September, 2004 as the organization's President. Mantella, prior to joining TAG, had amassed over 20 years of related experience leading two of the nations more prestigious volunteer-driven organizations - National Arthritis Foundation and YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. As President and CEO of two multifaceted and complex charities, he spearheaded agendas that led to the development of innovative new services, resulting in the facilitation of significant membership growth. In addition, Mantella's track record reflects impressive results in fund raising, advocacy, and economic development. Since coming to TAG, Mantella has worked with a team of dedicated volunteers and staff to: build a prestigious board made up of 48 technology stakeholders; grow membership by more than 20%; and add a series of program and services that support TAG's vision of educating, informing and uniting the technology community. Mantella is a long-standing member of the Northwestern Universities' Kellogg Board.

Ms. Carol Henderson

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Carol Henderson is director of Health Sciences, Advanced Technologies and Interactive Entertainment in the Business Enterprise Division at the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD).

Ms. Henderson leads a team tasked with identifying and recruiting innovation-based companies to the state and assist existing strategic industry-based businesses. She also focuses on strategic planning and building on existing alliances and resources such as the University System of Georgia, the Centers of Innovation, Georgia Research Alliance, Georgia Bio, Technology Association of Georgia, Biotechnology Industry Organization.

Ms. Henderson brings more than a decade of experience in economic development to the table, most recently as a senior project manager for GDEcD who focused on the life sciences industry. In this capacity, she worked with an array of life sciences companies, including Novartis, Merck, Dow, Eli Lilly, Pfizer, Genetech, Solvay and Merial. Ms. Henderson came to the department in 2000. Prior to joining GDEcD, she worked for economic development organizations in her home state of Indiana.

Ms. Henderson holds a B.S. in Public and Environmental Affairs and an M.P.A. from Indiana University. She is active in organizations such as the Technology Association of Georgia, Southern Technology Council, Georgia Bio and the Georgia Economic Developers Association. She is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional and holds certificates in project management and public management.

Mr. Danny Groves

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Daniel W. Groves currently serves as the Director of Taxation for Internap Network Services Corporation and its subsidiaries, a publicly traded company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. His professional experience is focused on consulting multinational corporate companies with planning for SEC reporting for income taxes, consulting in the area of Federal, state and international tax and assistance in various Federal and state incentives to industries ranging from manufacturing and services to technology and software.

Danny spent the majority of his career in public accounting with tenures at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP and Deloitte. Since 2008, Danny has dedicated his career to managing the federal, state and international tax positions of Internap. Internap has more than 85 network service points in North America, Europe, and Asia which includes 120,000 square feet of company-controlled, enterprise grade datacenter space. In March 2010, Internap was selected as one of the Top 40 Innovative Technology companies in Georgia by the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG).

Danny is a member of the AICPA and has served in leadership positions of Tau Alpha Chi (a national tax fraternity); a national instructor for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP and Deloitte; and served as an adjunct professor for Georgia State University's Master of Taxation Program. Danny has also served his community and beyond by serving in several leadership roles for Prevent Child Abuse-Henry County, Provision's Ministry, Helping Hands Ministry and the Bethshean Mission in Estancia de Animas, Mexico.

Danny received his Masters of Taxation and Bachelors of Business Administration from Georgia State University. He is an Atlanta native and an active partner at Momentum Christian Church in McDonough. Danny and his family live in Locust Grove.