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**Kade Cullefer is Counsel in the Governmental Affairs Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.**

Kade has a general corporate law practice with an emphasis on governmental affairs and corporate governance. During his time as general counsel for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, he developed valuable experience and expertise in the management of corporations, including governance and compliance oversight. Kade has worked closely with and advised Georgia businesses of all sizes, including many Fortune 100 companies. Kade has repeatedly appeared before Georgia appellate courts to express the views of the business community on critical legal matters impacting industry through the filing of amicus briefs.

Additionally, Kade created and built the state's top legal reform advocacy organization, Georgians for Lawsuit Reform. In his role as executive director, Kade was responsible for providing strategic direction, policy guidance, leadership support and for serving as the organization's lead lobbyist. Kade has led the effort to improve Georgia's civil justice system over the past seven years with his work on SB 383, establishing an international arbitration code in Georgia, HB 683, simplifying the process by which garnishment responses are filed, SB 113, clarifying how service of process may be properly made on a corporation, and HB 192, reinserting the business judgment rule into the corporate and banking codes. Most recently, Kade successfully advocated for the passage of HR 993, a constitutional amendment creating a statewide business court in Georgia. Kade has also focused on a number of other issue areas, including his work to eliminate regulatory hurdles through SB 427 and SB 428. These legislative reforms have served to streamline the permitting process and identify and reduce duplicative state and federal regulation on Georgia businesses by requiring each state agency to provide an annual federal mandate report.

Kade has frequently been a contributor in the Fulton County Daily Report, Atlanta Business Chronicle, James Magazine and other publications while also appearing as a panelist and presenter at numerous events, conferences and in the media to provide commentary on how Georgia's legal and regulatory climate affects the state's business environment.



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