



Julie Ellen Windom

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Julie Ellen Windom has 23 years of experience in the Georgia political arena as a lobbyist, attorney, and high-level staffer. During that time, she has drafted and influenced numerous legislative and executive policies, built invaluable relationships with state and federal decision makers, advocated on behalf of one of the state's largest and most influential healthcare trade associations, raised and distributed campaign contributions, and been an avid spokesperson and advocate on some of the state's most pressing policy issues.

In her current role as Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Atrium Health Georgia, Julie advocates for sound policy on behalf of one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health systems. Her focus on federal and state legislation, regulatory policies and budgetary matters over the last 20 years has given her the opportunity to do a deep dive into various complex healthcare policy issues and to learn how those challenges are being addressed throughout the country and the world.

In 2009, Julie was asked by her fellow governmental affair colleagues to serve on the Executive Committee of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Council. In that role, she currently serves as Chair of the Health and Wellness Committee, monitoring and advocating for or against legislation affecting the business community.

For the past decade, Julie also served as Director of Policy and Advocacy of Stratus Healthcare, a non-equity collaboration of 10 health systems and numerous physicians in south and central Georgia working together to improve the health outcomes of the people in their communities, including ensuring access to healthcare in rural areas. In addition, she served over 15 years as the Executive Director of the Georgia Hospital Safety Net Coalition (GHSNC).

Julie's career in Georgia politics began with an internship in her senior year of college while she was working to obtain a degree in Political Science. In 2003, the state's first Republican Senate President Pro Tempore asked her to serve as his General Counsel, where she was responsible for reviewing all legislation considered by the Senate and its various committees as well as drafting the rules that govern the operation of the Senate.

Julie entered the private sector in 2004 as Director of Government Relations for the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, a trade association representing Georgia's Not-for-Profit hospitals. Two years later, Julie was promoted to Vice President of Government Relations for the Alliance, where she remained for 7 years before taking her current role with Atrium Health.

Julie lives in the Grant Park area of Atlanta with her two “fur babies”, Turley and Dolly.