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**OVERVIEW**

Matt is a manager of state affairs of Troutman Strategies, based in the Atlanta office. In this capacity, he works year-round with members of the Georgia General Assembly and Executive Branch as an advocate for improvement in a number of policy areas such as agriculture and natural resources, education, higher education, state budget projects, technology, and health care, in addition to building strong relationships with a multitude of trade associations, business leaders, and key coalitions and organizations. Before joining the firm, Matt had professional experience working with the University of Georgia's Office of Government Affairs, the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education, as well as numerous political campaigns.

**AWARDS**

- Top 100 Registered Lobbyists, *JAMES Magazine*

**ALL AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Government + Regulatory
- Lobbying + Public Affairs

**PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Women's Public Leadership Network, Board of Directors

**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS****EDUCATION**

- University of Georgia, M.P.A., 2014
- University of Georgia, B.A., 2012