

## Scott Brenner

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Scott Brenner brings over 15 years of experience working on Capitol Hill and in the Executive branch on homeland security, aviation, surface and other transportation issues. Scott joined Gephardt Government Affairs in 2010 to oversee the firm's clients including municipalities, tech companies and metropolitan transit authorities on appropriations and other legislative and regulatory issues at the local and federal levels. With a decade of communications experience on Capitol Hill, Scott also advises clients on winning media strategies. He regularly appears as a guest commentator on network news programs and as a spokesperson for clients.

Since his departure from the federal government, his most recent successes for clients include a media campaign pivotal to passing legislation raising the retirement age of airline pilots; a legislative campaign that secured more than \$16 million in funds for a technology client; and ensuring a university was a finalist for a \$450 million Department of Homeland Security (DHS) laboratory.

Scott's most recent position with the Bush Administration was at DHS, where he served as Chief of External Affairs for the Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate from 2005 to 2007. In this role, he served as the primary point person for industry, Congress and the media. Scott's duties also included working with each DHS operating component, such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

From 2000 to 2004, Scott served at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In his role as Associate Administrator, External Affairs at NHTSA, Scott managed the agency's interactions with all outside stakeholders and interacted daily with the White House, Congress, other federal agencies and state governments. Specific topics ranged from fuel economy to vehicle safety to highway reauthorization. During his tenure at the FAA as Associate Administrator of Public Affairs, he served as the agency's chief spokesman and managed the agency's external and internal communications programs, including most notably during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

From 2004 to 2005, Scott acted as the chief in-house lobbyist for the tire manufacturers' trade association. He also served from 2007 to 2009 as a Vice President at O'Neill and Associates, a Washington, DC, public affairs firm.

In addition to providing clients with public policy advice and strategies, Scott also offers media relations advice, as he served for nearly a decade in communications positions on tax and transportation issues on Capitol Hill. His experience on the Hill culminated on the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as Communications Director from 1997 to 2000. He served as the deputy spokesman for the House Ways & Means Committee from 1995 to 1997. He began his career in 1991 as a press secretary for U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum (R-FL, 5th) and subsequently for U.S. Rep. E. Clay Shaw (R-FL, 22nd).

Scott earned his master's in Business Administration from Strayer University and bachelor's degree in 1988 from the University of Nevada-Reno.

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