



Senator Charlie Bethel
Senate District 54



Sen. Charlie Bethel, a Republican, was first elected in November 2010 to a seat in the Georgia Senate representing the 54th District, which includes Murray and Whitfield counties, as well as portions of Gordon and Pickens Counties. Sen. Bethel currently chairs the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor and is a member of the Appropriations, Judiciary, Judiciary Non-Civil, and Reapportionment and Redistricting Committees.

Sen. Bethel graduated from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business in 1998 (B.B.A. in Management, cum laude), and from the University of Georgia's School of Law in 2001 (J.D.). He was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2001. Previously, Sen. Bethel practiced law with Minor, Bell & Neal from 2003-2005 after completing a two-year clerkship with Judge Charles A. Pannell, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Sen. Bethel served on the Dalton City Council from 2006—2010.

Following more than a decade of working in the floor covering industry, Sen. Bethel started a small business dedicated to dispute resolution; Bethel Resolutions, LLC.

Sen. Bethel is admitted to practice in all of the courts of the State of Georgia as well as the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia and the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a member of State Bar of Georgia. He practiced in the areas of Civil Litigation, Governmental Law, Healthcare Law, and Utility Law. Sen. Bethel was an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Dalton from 2003-2004.

As a law student, Sen. Bethel served Judge Gary B. Andrews of the Georgia Court of Appeals as a summer law clerk. During law school, he also worked in the District Attorney's office for the Western Judicial Circuit in Athens through the Prosecutorial Clinic. The faculty of the Law School selected him for membership in The Order of Barristers based on excellence in courtroom advocacy. He was a pupil in the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Court and was also initiated into the University of Georgia's chapter of the Blue Key Honor Society, which awarded him the Tucker Dorsey Scholarship.

As an undergraduate student, Sen. Bethel was a member of the Arch Society as well as numerous honor societies. He is a brother of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity. As a junior, he received the T.W. Reed Scholarship from the Management Department that recognizes the top junior in the Department. In his senior year, the membership of the Arch Society awarded Sen. Bethel the Fred Brown Award.

Sen. Bethel and his wife, the former Lynsey Nix of Dalton, are the parents of three children: sons Henry and Jeb and daughter Joanna. Lynsey Bethel received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Georgia in 2000 and continues the practice of pharmacy on a part time basis, while

devoting the balance of her time to raising children, church ministries, and community service.

The Bethel family attends the First Baptist Church of Dalton. Sen. Bethel is a former member of the Dalton Rotary Club and volunteers as a youth athletic coach for the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department. Additionally, he volunteers with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a past board member.

Sen. Bethel has served as the Chair of the Professional Division of the Annual Campaign of the United Way of Northwest Georgia and has served on the campaign cabinet focused on young leadership development, co-founding the Young Leaders Society. In 2008, he was selected as a member of Dalton Magazine's inaugural 20 under 40 class and Georgia Trend named him to its 40 under 40 list for the State of Georgia. He is a past honoree of the UGA Alumni Association's 40 under 40 recognition.

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