

KANSAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Natalie Bright

Bright has over twenty-five years of experience lobbying on behalf of Kansas business and state associations at the state and federal levels. Her expertise is in lobbying business issues, specifically in the areas of taxation, human resources, insurance, judicial reform and transportation. Bright has a joint degree in business administration and political science from the University of California-Riverside. She received her law degree from Washburn School of Law in 1998 and began lobbying for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the 1998 Legislative Session. In 1999, Bright left the Chamber to work as a contract lobbyist. In 2008, Bright joined her law school classmate, Marlee Carpenter, and opened her current firm. Bright is licensed to practice law in state of Kansas and resides in Shawnee, Kan. with her husband Kevin and four children.

Natalie will provide an overview and update of the 2021 Legislative Session focused on legislation impacting the business community and specifically the HR profession. Additionally, discussion will entail what issues are being discussed for the 2022 Legislative Session. Finally, an analysis of the upcoming 2022 elections and discussion of the candidates and their perspective on HR issues.

Learning Objectives:

1. Update HR professionals on legislation passed during the 2021 Legislative Session impacting KS businesses with an emphasis on the HR issues.
2. Discussion of what to expect to be discussed during the 2022 Legislative Session
3. Overview of the fall 2022 elections.

