



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

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ABOUT OUR GUEST

Ed Rogers is a Founding Partner of BGR Group and Co-Chair of its Advisory Board. Ed has been involved in political campaigns, lobbying initiatives, commercial transactions and legal, media and market-access challenges in the U.S. and international markets for over three decades. He regularly assembles teams of lobbyists, lawyers, PR specialists, investment professionals and private investigators to solve problems, manage adversarial situations, identify and win opportunities, and achieve positive results for clients. Ed served as Chairman of BGR Group from 2003–2020.

Today, Ed leads BGR's litigation support work as a trusted partner to U.S. and foreign law firms to enhance their clients' legal strategy with outreach to governments, investigative support, and communications tactics. Ed and BGR's deep bench of experts address complex transnational business and political challenges that can involve multiple jurisdictions and require multiple fields of professional expertise to achieve the best results.

Prior to co-founding BGR Group in 1991, Ed served in the George H. W. Bush White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff. In the 1988 Bush presidential campaign, he served as senior deputy to campaign manager Lee Atwater.

Prior to that, Ed worked in the Reagan White House in the Office of Political Affairs, where he served as Haley Barbour's deputy as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office of Political Affairs. Ed also served as a Republican opinion writer for the Washington Post and published more than 500 columns analyzing American politics from 2011–2019.

Ed is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also a member of the International Council of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Ed received his JD from the University of Alabama, where he serves on the President's Cabinet. He is a member of the Alabama and Washington, D.C., bars.

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4 PM at Tuomey Hall*