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With more than 30 years of experience and a proven record of accomplishment standing for North Carolina business interests at the N.C. General Assembly, Gary led the Chamber's policy, lobbying, advocacy, and political efforts before being named its chief operating officer and acting president in 2018, then president and CEO in 2019. Gary's leadership in advancing policy at the NC Chamber has propelled the state to the top of several best-in-business rankings.



Prior to joining the NC Chamber in September 2011, Gary worked for 19 years at GlaxoSmithKline, the last 10 years serving as GSK's director of state government affairs. Gary's advocacy responsibilities spanned a broad range of issues including corporate tax, environmental regulation, tort and liability reform, economic development, workforce development, employment, and Medicaid.

Gary's earlier work experience includes serving as senior account manager, integrated healthcare markets for GSK and as director of professional and state government affairs for GlaxoWellcome. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the Albany College of Pharmacy in Albany, N.Y., and a master's degree in pharmacy administration from the University of Texas at Austin. Gary has experience in hospital and community pharmacy practice and completed the American Pharmacists Association Foundation's Executive Residency in Association Management.

Gary lives in Cary, N.C., with his wife, Lisa. They are the proud parents of a daughter and son-in-law, both NC State alumni; a son who is an Appalachian State University alumnus; and a daughter who graduated from NC State University and obtained a master's degree from George Mason University. They have three grandchildren and a dachshund named Hugo.