



## **Veridus bolsters lobbying team with addition of John Fetherston**

*Fetherston brings extensive public policy experience, positive Capitol relationships*

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Phoenix, AZ – Veridus LLC is pleased to announce State Capitol policy veteran John Fetherston will be joining the firm’s lobbying team. John has spent the past five years at the Arizona State Legislature, where he served the Senate Democratic Caucus as Policy Advisor for the Finance, Commerce and Appropriations committees. John begins with Veridus in mid-October.

“For five years, John has been an invaluable member of our caucus staff, providing comprehensive policy analysis, sound advice, comradery, and a necessary sense of humor,” said Arizona State Sen. Katie Hobbs (D-Phoenix). “The relationships he has formed with staff and members on both sides of the aisle will serve him well in his new endeavor with Veridus. We’ll miss him, but look forward to seeing him stalking the halls.”

“John brings with him a wealth of expertise and experience in policy, public affairs, political campaigns and government relations,” said Jeff Sandquist, a Director at Veridus. “He’s well-liked among legislators and stakeholders, well-versed in the issues, and one of the hardest-working young professionals in Arizona state government. He’ll be a tremendous asset to Veridus and our clients. We’re glad to have him on the team.”

Prior to his legislative service, John served as a senior staffer on a congressional campaign; was a staff assistant at a Phoenix public affairs firm; a legislative intern at the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); and managed a competitive state Senate campaign.

“I’m thrilled to be joining the unparalleled Veridus team,” John said. “During my service at the Arizona Legislature, I’ve had the chance to work on a wide range of issues with diverse groups of stakeholders. I look forward to applying my expertise to advancing policy solutions on behalf of the firm’s clients.”

John moved to Arizona to attend Arizona State University, from which he graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor’s in public policy (2012). He can usually be found enjoying the Arizona outdoors golfing, playing tennis or hiking. John lives in Arcadia with his wife, Erica, and rescue pup, Zoe.

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