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Bill Shute has been Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations with the University of Texas System since September, 2001. The UT System is one of the nation's largest higher education systems with 14 institutions and an annual operating budget of \$16.9 billion (FY 2016). In his role as Vice Chancellor, Shute is responsible for all UT System and campus activities in Washington, D.C. and manages a staff of thirteen System employees. Under the supervision of Vice Chancellor Shute, the Office of Federal Relations is charged with facilitating and enhancing the federal research and development portfolio of the UT System, reviewing and advocating federal policy, and overseeing a multi-campus undergraduate and graduate fellowship program.

Shute has spent his professional career working in the federal policy arena and his entire personal life in federal politics. Before joining the UT System, he spent eleven years as Executive Director – Federal Relations for SBC Telecommunications, Inc. He has also worked as Senior Vice President in the government relations firm R. Duffy Wall & Associates, a legislative assistant for a Member of Congress, and a telecom trade association attorney.

Shute was Legislative Assistant to former Member of Congress Bob Whittaker and was responsible for several Commerce Committee and Judiciary Committee issues. Joining Whittaker's staff was a natural decision. Shute's father served 16 years as campaign manager and district office director for Whittaker's predecessor, Joe Skubitz.

This extensive knowledge of and professional experience with the federal government led to Shute being selected as the inaugural professor for the UT Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs Washington, DC track. He teaches a course on federal institutions, processes, and negotiations to students pursuing master's degrees in public administration and global policy. In addition, he is an Adjunct Professor with the UT System Archer Fellowship Program and teaches during the summer graduate student program.

Shute holds a B.A. with honors from the University of Texas at Austin, a J.D. from the University of Houston, and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. He has been active in various community activities including Little League, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts (Den Leader), the Colonial Athletic Boosters at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Tech, TJHSST's STEM education advocacy program, St. Luke's Rock Against Hunger, the Virginia Science Olympiad program, and is a published author. He is a former partner in Texas Nights, LLP, a Washington, D.C.-based events planning company and volunteered for many years with the Texas State Society of Washington, D.C., where he served on the Board of Directors and as President. He served as the Chairman and event coordinator for the successful 2005 Black Tie and Boots Presidential Inaugural Ball (a \$4 million enterprise which entertained 14,000 guests).