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Slater is a co-founder of The Advocacy Partners and a veteran of politics and public policy. During his two decades lobbying, he has earned a reputation as a contemplative strategist as well as a tenacious and effective advocate. Slater has been recognized by INFLUENCE magazine as one of the most influential people in Florida politics and was recently named one of the top 10 lobbyists in Florida by The Florida Standard.

Previously, Slater served in Governor Jeb Bush's administration where his portfolio focused on business recruitment and economic development. Additionally, he served as personal assistant to Governor Bush and as deputy policy director on Bush's 1998 gubernatorial race. Following his time in the Governor's office he coordinated the only citizen's initiative campaign in Florida history to successfully repeal a provision from the state constitution.

Slater earned a bachelor's degree in political science and communications from the University of Iowa. He later earned a master's degree in Applied American Policy and Politics from Florida State University where he collaborated on a pair of data driven books that analyzed Florida elections. He is currently an adjunct professor and teaches a graduate seminar in FSU's College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

Slater was appointed by two Governors to the Board of Directors of the Florida Sports Foundation, serving as the Chair of the Florida Sports Charitable Foundation. Additionally, he has served as Chair of the Board of Directors for Tree House of Tallahassee, an emergency shelter where children who are victims of domestic abuse are given shelter and comfort. For over a decade, he served on the board of Maverick PAC, an organization that promotes next generation leaders in public service. He has raised funds for the U.S. Central Command Memorial Fund and the Florida Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund.

Slater was appointed by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio to his Military Service Academy Nominating Commission. Most recently he was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to The Florida Prepaid College Board.

He and his wife, Sara, met as undergraduates and now reside in Tallahassee. They are the proud parents of 3 children.