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Prior to joining Economic and Community Development, Drury was communications manager for Dell, Inc's Tennessee operations. In that role, Drury was responsible for all internal and external communications for more than 3,000 Dell employees in Tennessee working in manufacturing, fulfillment, consumer sales, small-medium business sales and technical support. In addition to his communications role, Drury was also responsible for community relations and worked as a government relations liaison in Tennessee for Dell. During his six year tenure with Dell, Drury managed more than \$3 million dollars in community grants to local schools, libraries and non-profit organizations in Middle Tennessee.

In addition to his strategic communications role with ECD, Drury is also the department's liaison to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's TradeRoots program and has been instrumental in the development of export policy for the state of Tennessee, one of the nation's three fastest-growing export states. He was responsible for the launch of an export education program for small and medium-sized businesses called Export Tennessee and he was named by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to Tennessee's District Export Council.

Drury also served as press secretary for then-Mayor Phil Bredesen of Nashville and was a political and general assignment reporter for WTVF-TV, Nashville's CBS affiliate for ten years. A native of Missouri, Drury received his bachelor of journalism degree from the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, the nation's oldest journalism school. He resides in Nashville with his wife, Sarah Campbell Drury and two children.

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