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Ford Graham is the Director of International Investment at the South Carolina Department of Commerce. Graham serves in a dual role by also acting as the Managing Director of the State of South Carolina European Office in Munich. He is responsible for leading the agency in foreign economic development efforts.

Graham has been one of the leading business recruiters for the State of South Carolina since joining the Department in 2008. He is responsible for over 60 projects statewide, resulting in commitments of more than 6,500 new jobs and \$2.4B in new investment.

Prior to beginning at Commerce, Graham worked as General Counsel for a real estate development/investment firm and served as a law clerk in the 5th and 14th Judicial Circuits of South Carolina. He received his juris doctor and international masters of business administration degrees from the University of South Carolina's School of Law and Moore School of Business respectively. He received his undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans where he was elected Student Body President.

In 2011, he was recognized by The State Newspaper as one of the "20 Under 40" emerging business leaders and in 2012, Graham was elected President of The Council of American States in Europe (CASE), a group of 16 U.S. states that provide information to European companies looking to establish or expand their business in the U.S.

A native of Camden, South Carolina, Graham resides in downtown Munich with his wife Paulina and his son Paulo.

Visiting: New Delhi, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Chennai