

Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. is serving his eighth terms as a North Carolina State Senator representing Cabarrus and a portion of Iredell Counties. Raised in Concord, North Carolina, Hartsell attended Davidson College and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army with a Reserve Commission.

After graduation, Hartsell returned to Concord where he joined Hartsell & Williams, P.A. During his career, Hartsell represented the Cabarrus County Schools and Cabarrus County. He has been a member of several professional and civic organizations: the Concord Rotary Club, the North Carolina Bar Association, the Cabarrus County Bar Association, the advisory board of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Board of Visitors, the Public School Forum of North Carolina, the North Carolina Center for Voter Education, and numerous other groups.

For his efforts, Hartsell has been recognized with honors. In 1992, he became a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor. Hartsell has been named Legislator of the Year by the North Carolina Nurses Association and by the North Carolina Health Directors. Both the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers have recognized Hartsell's effectiveness as a state senator. Hartsell has been named an honorary fire chief by the North Carolina Fire Chiefs Association and a "Friend of the Working People" by the North Carolina AFL-CIO.

Hartsell is married to the former Tana Honeycutt. They have three adult children.