

## Robbins Lawyer Goes Back to Work for Kemp as Executive Counsel

The Robbins Law Group and the governor's office are trading lawyers. Robbins partner David Dove will become Gov.-elect Brian Kemp's top lawyer, while outgoing Gov. Nathan Deal's executive counsel, Carey Miller, will join the Robbins firm.

After spending a year working at *The Robbins Firm* in Atlanta, attorney *David Dove* is going back to work for Brian Kemp, this time as the governor-elect's executive counsel.

Dove, a 2014 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, served as Kemp's legal counsel and chief of staff when Kemp was Georgia secretary of state. He joined The Robbins Firm last year and in October became one of the principals in the firm's newly inaugurated lobbying arm, *RGR*.

Since Kemp's election, Dove—who also worked on Kemp's gubernatorial campaign—has served as his transition director.

The Robbins Firm announced Dove's departure Monday—adding that *Carey Miller*, executive counsel to outgoing Gov. Nathan Deal—will replace him. Like Dove, Miller will wear dual hats, working both for the law firm and its lobbying arm.

“We are thrilled for both of them,” Robbins partner and RGR principal *Joshua Belinfante* said.

“Gov.-elect Kemp saw that David still possesses the right intellect, work ethic, and instincts. ... They are the same qualities that led us to hire him, and we look forward to working with him in his new role. David will be greatly missed, but we know he will serve the governor-elect and Georgia well.”

Belinfante said that, as Deal's executive counsel, Miller “played a critical role” in litigating the ongoing Tri-State water wars “and will continue serving in that role.”

Miller also was integrally involved in helping shepherd Deal's legislative agenda through four state legislative sessions and served as co-chairman of Deal's Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform. He is the second executive counsel of Deal's to be hired by the law firm. Partner *Ryan Teague* also served as Deal's executive counsel.

Belinfante, who served as former Gov. Sonny Perdue's executive counsel before joining the Robbins firm, said “there is no one better” to represent clients “in all branches of government” than Miller.