

Federalist Society Names New Leaders

Josh Belinfante of **Robbins Ross Alloy Belinfante Littlefield** is the new president of the Atlanta Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society.

The Atlanta Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society has announced leadership changes.

Chairman Frank Strickland of Strickland Brockington Lewis said Friday the influential conservative lawyers group has elected new officers.

The new president is Josh Belinfante of Robbins Ross Alloy Belinfante Littlefield. He represents governmental and nongovernmental clients, particularly in highly regulated fields such as health care, gaming, land use, and energy. His practice involves commercial disputes, and representation of government and those challenging governmental acts, according to his firm bio. He represents entities governed by federal and state campaign finance laws, including campaigns and political action committees. He has assisted in drafting laws governing health care certificates of need, gaming, the Georgia Lottery, restrictive covenants, noncompete agreements and eminent domain.

Belinfante served as executive counsel to former Gov. Sonny Perdue, legal counsel to the Georgia House Judiciary Committee and law clerk to Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

The new vice president is Rick Bold of Bondurant Mixson & Elmore. He handles complex, high-stakes trial and appellate business litigation, specializing in contract, fraud, and business tort matters, according to his firm bio.

Before joining Bondurant, Bold also served as a law clerk to Edmondson. He earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was president of the Federalist Society. He was a member of UPenn's U.S. Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Before law school, Bold worked as an investment banking analyst in the Healthcare Corporate Finance Group at Wachovia Securities. He has an undergraduate degree in politics and economics from Davidson College. He also received a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Strickland also announced three new executive board members: David Dove, Esther Slater McDonald and Bryan Tyson.

Dove recently left the Robbins Ross firm to become executive counsel to Gov. Brian Kemp.

McDonald is a litigation partner at Seyfarth Shaw.

Tyson is an election lawyer with Taylor English Duma and former executive director of the Georgia Public Defender Council.

The Atlanta Federalist Society hosts a monthly lunch conversation with speakers that have recently included the governor, the attorney general, and author and former special counsel Ken Starr, known for his report on the investigation of President Bill Clinton. The group's stated mission includes "stimulating debate regarding policy and legal issues" as well as "spiriting the causes of federalism and limited government."

Federalist Society members have accounted for nearly all recent state and federal judicial appointments. The board of advisers includes state and federal judges.