

On the Rise: Vincent Russo

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Job Title: Partner at Robbins Ross Alloy Belinfante Littlefield and Robbins Government Relations.

Current primary practice area: Business litigation and election/political law.

Experience: Robbins Ross Alloy Belinfante Littlefield, September 2013-present); Robbins Government Relations, October 2018-present); general counsel, Office of Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp (2010-September 2013); assistant commissioner of securities, 2011-2013; general counsel, Office of Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel, 2008-2010; Weinstock & Scavo, 2006-2008.

Education: Emory University School of Law, 2006; Louisiana State University, 2003.

What drew you to a career in law? Growing up, I did not have any lawyers in my family, but I always viewed lawyers as problem-solvers and leaders in the community. I also developed an interest in government, business and politics at an early age, which eventually led to studying economics and political science in college. What ultimately drew me to a career in law is a combination of the opportunity to advocate a position on behalf of a client, the ability to offer creative solutions for complex problems and being able to build a relationship of trust with my clients.

Have you set a specific goal that you want to achieve in the next year?

Increasing business across all areas of my practice and achieving successful outcomes for my clients are always goals of mine. Over the next year, I plan to focus on continuing to develop our government relations practice and to devote additional time to our new government affairs firm, Robbins Government Relations, while also maintaining my business litigation and election law practices. Although our practice has expanded, our goals remain the same: to serve our clients in all three branches of government and to provide exceptional representation for our clients, no matter the forum—in court, before government agencies, in the General Assembly or any other venue.

What has been your proudest career moment and your biggest hurdle?

It was an honor to be appointed by Gov. Kemp earlier this year to be co-chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission. The time that I have served as co-chair of the JNC has already been challenging and rewarding. Although substantial time goes into the administration of the JNC, I am extremely fortunate to work with a group of attorneys and judges on the JNC who are dedicated to our profession and committed to the mission of the JNC. With my new roles as co-chair of the JNC and my growing legal and government relations practices, one of my biggest hurdles has been time management.