

Blake Rutherford Joins Cozen O'Connor and Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies

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Philadelphia, APRIL 10, 2015 — Cozen O'Connor is pleased to announce the addition of Blake Rutherford as a member of its Government & Regulatory Practice as well as Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies, a move that further enhances the firm's government relations breadth and depth. Rutherford, who previously served as chief of staff for Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane, will be resident in the firm's Philadelphia office.

"As a lawyer with deep-rooted experience and connections in politics, Blake is ideally suited to represent our clients on the local, state and federal levels," said Mark Alderman, chairman of Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies. "Clients will certainly benefit from his ability to advise and litigate on their behalf, particularly in disputes involving public policy."

An Arkansas native and practicing attorney, Rutherford has spent the majority of his career in politics. He worked on Bill Clinton's presidential campaign in Little Rock, working under the president's former chief of staff Thomas Franklin "Mack" McLarty III. He then left briefly to go into private practice with McLarty. He also served as chief of staff to the Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, before moving East to assume the same position in Kane's office.

From 2003 to 2006, Rutherford was an attorney with Wright Lindsey and Jennings LLP of Little Rock. He has served as general counsel to the Democratic Party of Arkansas and was part of the legal team that advised General Wesley K. Clark's 2004 presidential bid.

"It was a privilege to serve Attorney General Kathleen Kane," Rutherford said. "I'm now looking forward to an exciting opportunity, one that will allow me to tap my political experience to ensure each client's voice is heard in Washington, key state capitals, and with local government officials."

In 2013, Rutherford moved to Philadelphia with his wife, Jessica Dean, who joined KYW-TV, Channel 3, the CBS affiliate for Philadelphia. Rutherford is a graduate of Middlebury College, and the University of Arkansas School of Law.

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