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Mary Dee Beal

PRINCIPAL



PRACTICE AREAS

- Appropriations
- Energy, Environment & Infrastructure
- Health & Employment
- Retail & Financial Services
- Tax & Trade

EDUCATION

- BA, Psychology, Mercer University

PRIOR POSITIONS

- Senate Republican Policy Committee, Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
- Senior Advisor to Secretary Sonny Perdue; Acting Chief of Staff to Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky, USDA
- Legislative Director, Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA) and Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA)

Mary Dee Beal joined Kountoupes Denham Carr & Reid in 2022, bringing more than a decade of federal policy experience, including senior roles in the Executive Branch and the Congress. She provides a deep understanding of complex policy and congressional processes to the health care and energy practices at the firm.

Most recently, Mary Dee served on the Senate Republican Policy Committee for U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), where she provided analysis and education on issues related to tax, budget, appropriations, and small business. She worked closely with staff across the Senate Republican Conference, as well as Republican leadership and key Senate committees to advance Republican priorities.

Prior to her service in the U.S. Senate, Mary Dee served as Senior Advisor to Secretary Sonny Perdue and Acting Chief of Staff to Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky at the United States Department of Agriculture. During her time at USDA, she served as the principal advisor to the Secretary on climate, innovation, ag tech, and agriculture research priorities. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, she led the Department's crisis management strategy to preserve the national food supply chain and worked closely with officials at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transportation, and the National Economic Council as the interagency policy lead for the federal food supply chain response.

Mary Dee also spent over seven years in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving as Legislative Director for both Congressman Drew Ferguson (R-GA) and Congressman Austin Scott (R-GA).

Mary Dee is active with a number of organizations in Washington, D.C., including the Georgia State Society. From 2020-2021, she served as the Chairman of the 38th Taste of the South gala, an event that donated $400,000 for non-profit organizations in thirteen states and Washington, D.C.

A native of Statesboro, Georgia, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Mercer University.