

Dentons Public Policy, Election Law Expert Ed Lindsey Moving to Atlanta Litigation Boutique

After a decade with the world's largest firm, the former state lawmaker said boutique Parks, Chesin & Walbert will allow him to blend his expertise in public policy with his background in litigation.

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Ed Lindsey, with Parks, Chesin & Walbert in Atlanta. Courtesy photo

What You Need to Know

- Dentons partner Edward Lindsey is moving from the world's largest firm to a 16-lawyer Atlanta litigation boutique.
- He said he wanted more flexibility in the types of cases he can take on while continuing public policy work.

More flexibility to practice in areas other than public policy has prompted Dentons partner Edward Lindsey to move from the world's largest firm to a 16-lawyer Atlanta litigation boutique.

Lindsey, a longtime Georgia political leader, moved after a decade with the world's largest firm by head count to Parks, Chesin & Walbert in Atlanta, where he will add a new public policy service offering while enhancing the 53-year-old firm's business litigation practice, he said.

He said in an interview that he appreciated his "experience at Dentons and the good folks there," but he wanted a firm that "could take my expertise in the area of public policy and blend it with my background in litigation and expand that work."

"I wanted to move on to a firm that gave me greater flexibility in the litigation area regarding the cases that I can take on while still continuing my work in the public policy sector," Lindsey said.

Lindsey will focus his practice on business litigation and government litigation, including government contracts disputes, bid protests, regulatory matters and public policy advocacy, primarily at the state and municipal levels in Georgia.

"Georgia's state and municipal governments represent enormous opportunity and complexity for businesses of all sizes" he said. "I look forward to helping clients not only understand that landscape but succeed within it."

He joined Parks, Chesin & Walbert after a decade as a partner in Dentons' regulatory, public policy and government affairs practice with clients in the transportation, infrastructure, healthcare, gaming, election and education sectors. Among his more prominent cases were successful representation of Georgia Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan in a 2019 election challenge lawsuit alleging voting machine malfunctions.

Lindsey served 10 years as a Republican member of the Georgia House of Representatives representing a district that included Atlanta's Buckhead community.

He also served three terms as House majority whip before running unsuccessfully for Georgia's 11th Congressional District seat in 2014.

He joined Dentons in 2016 and later served on the Georgia State Election Board which is responsible for making and enforcing rules on conducting the state's elections.

Lindsey's litigation experience included 26 years with insurance defense firm Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson, which he helped open in 1990 with a specialty in complex litigation representing insurance carriers and businesses.

He said he had admired Parks Chesin's "litigation expertise and their work in that it intersects between litigation and government affairs."

"It's a good fit for me, both in terms of the litigation that I want to do more of and the public policy work that I'm doing," Lindsey said.

Parks Chesin partner Matt Maguire said he expected the addition of Lindsey's government relations and election law expertise to complement the firm's existing business litigation practice.

"We have not done government relations work, so that component would be new," Maguire said.

"I do business litigation, but a lot of my litigation involves government in some way, touches government, whether I'm suing a municipality or I'm representing a bidder on a state contract or representing a company before an administrative body," Maguire said.

He said Lindsey's addition also "ups our profile" and "opens doors for us that may not have been open before."

"He's been on the inside of administrative agencies like the state election board, for example," Maguire said. "I end up having clients frequently that are in need of a government relations consultant, and now we're going to have one in-house, so it really does kind of shore up what I think are already our firm strengths"

He said he had known and worked with Lindsey for more than three decades—beginning as a summer associate for Lindsey's insurance defense firm.

"I just always looked up to Edward and maintained a friendship with him and have crossed paths with him through the years," Maguire said.

A Dentons representative did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the move.

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