



## Republican Strategist Mary Dee Beal Joins KDCR Partners

Washington, DC (September 6, 2022) – [Kountoupes, Denham, Carr & Reid](#), a premier bipartisan government affairs firm, today announced that Mary Dee Beal joined the firm as a principal. Beal brings a breadth of experience to the firm, having held senior roles in the Senate, House, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

“Mary Dee is a consummate professional and her robust experience will enhance our already strong, smart bipartisan team,” said Julie Hershey Carr, partner at KDCR Partners. “Our goal is to make sure our clients get thorough and comprehensive strategic counsel from every angle of the political spectrum, and Mary Dee shares that same philosophy. I’m thrilled that she’s joining KDCR, and I know our clients will benefit from what she brings to the table.”

Beal most recently served in Senate leadership as policy analyst for the Senate Republican Policy Committee (RPC), where she focused on tax, budget, appropriations and health. During that time, she forged strong working relationships with staff and members, navigating the varied constituencies within the Republican Senate to develop policy priorities that would advance the GOP agenda, leverage her knowledge of Senate floor procedure to support members during key floor votes, and develop myriad briefing materials and policy papers.

“Mary Dee was a key part of the Senate Republican Policy Committee team and a trusted voice as we provided thoughtful analysis and strategy on a variety of issues that came before the Senate,” said RPC Chairman Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO).

Prior to that, she held several senior-level positions at the Department of Agriculture, first as a senior advisor the secretary and then as acting chief of staff to the deputy secretary, where she directed the operational and policy priorities for the deputy secretary.

“Mary Dee is a seasoned public policy operative with a keen understanding of how to pair policy knowledge with communications tactics to achieve results. American farmers and consumers were well served by her leadership on priority projects, including USDA’s sustainability initiative and the department’s response to food supply chain disruptions at the onset of the pandemic,” said former Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

“Mary Dee is one of those rare leaders in Washington who has a strategic policy mind and is also an empathetic relationship builder. At USDA, she helped shepherd crucial initiatives during the onset of the pandemic, working with key officials at agencies across the federal government in a challenging and dynamic environment. I am confident that clients will benefit from her unique insights, strong relationships, and ability to get things done,” said Stephen Censky, former USDA Deputy Secretary and current CEO of the American Soybean Association.



Beal started her career in the House of Representatives, working her way up from scheduler to legislative director for Congressman Austin Scott (R-GA-08), then joining the office of Congressman Drew Ferguson (R-GA-03) as legislative director, where she set up the office after he took office and managed the transportation, education and budget committee work for the Congressman. Congressman Ferguson now serves as the Chief Deputy Whip for House Republicans.

Beal joins KDCR during a time of sustained growth for the firm. Since the beginning of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, the firm's client roster has increased by 40 percent, from 42 clients to 59 clients, and the team has grown by seven professionals. Among the firm's clientele are AirBnB, BestBuy, CVS Health, Intel, Pinterest, and Volvo Cars.

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