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David B. Dove, Troutman Pepper Locke Partner, Elected Chair of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents

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ATLANTA – [David B. Dove](#), a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke’s Regulatory Investigations, Strategy and Enforcement Practice Group, has been [elected chair by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia \(USG\)](#). Dove, who is currently serving as vice chair, will begin a one-year term on Jan. 1, 2026.

The Board of Regents is the constitutional governing body of the USG. The system oversees 26 public colleges and universities, including the University of Georgia (UGA) and the Georgia Institute of Technology, as well as the Georgia Public Library Service and the Georgia Archives. It serves more than 364,000 students.

At Troutman Pepper Locke, Dove leads the Regulatory and Economic Investment Practice in Georgia and advises clients on legal and public policy matters, particularly environmental, health care, and tax issues, as well as economic investment. His leadership has been instrumental in advancing clients’ business objectives and resolving regulatory hurdles.

Dove’s extensive background includes serving as executive counsel to Gov. Brian Kemp, interim director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and a lead attorney on Georgia’s tri-state water wars. He has played a crucial role in judicial appointments and increasing the representation of women and minorities on executive branch boards and commissions.

In addition to his professional achievements, Dove remains highly engaged with his alma mater, UGA. He served as chair of the Alumni Board of Directors for UGA’s School of Public and International Affairs and as a board member of the Law School Alumni Council. Dove has also been recognized by the UGA Alumni Association with a Young Alumni Award for his outstanding leadership and service to the university, community, and legal profession.

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