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Former US Attorney Takes Managing Role at Leading Atlanta Law Firm

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Charlie Peeler, managing partner of Troutman Pepper’s Atlanta office, was featured and quoted in the April 15, 2024 *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* article, [“Former U.S. Attorney Takes Managing Role at Leading Atlanta Law Firm.”](#)

“I’m of the mind that everybody needs to pull their own weight and contribute where they can,” Peeler told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. “I did not set out to be the Atlanta office managing partner, but the chair of the firm asked me if I’d be interested in doing that. I explained to him the vision that I had and it matched up with the vision that he had, and so we both felt like it made a lot of sense.”

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It was in Albany that Peeler honed his trial skills and cemented his love for the courtroom. A turning point in his career came where representing a prisoner who had been beaten by guards. Peeler became involved in the case six weeks before trial and convinced the jury to award his client damages.

“It gave me a lot of faith in the jury system because the people on the jury did not share the same background as the prisoner, but were able to see through that and do what they thought was right,” Peeler said. “And it also gave me a level of confidence as a lawyer.”

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Troutman Pepper attracted Peeler with its “great brand,” deep Atlanta roots, “A-plus client list,” and highly skilled attorneys, he said. The firm has “great lawyers doing great work for great clients, with folks who don’t take themselves too seriously,” Peeler added.

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“I love being in court,” Peeler said. “I love trying cases. I love interviewing witnesses and having files under my arm on the steps of the courthouse. And I certainly am not at a point in my career where I want to give up being a lawyer.”

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“It was easy for me to take over with kind of a do-no-harm approach,” Peeler said. “I’m super fortunate because here in (the) Atlanta (office), there is a lot of support.”

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“I love what I’m doing right now,” he said. “As long as I still find (the work) challenging, then I think I’ll be sitting right here on the 30th floor of 600 Peachtree (Street) for years to come.”