

The position of Senior Political Advisor was created in 2012 by the Governor's Office to address issues of a political nature that are necessary for the furtherance of the Office. It would be inappropriate for a state employee to engage in such issues of a political nature, such as working with the state Republican Party for instance, therefore the position was compensated from excess Campaign funds, in accordance to Fair Campaign Practices Act 17-5-7(A) which allows for the use of campaign funds "for expenditures that are reasonably related to performing the duties of the Office held".

Angi Smith Stalaker held the position from 2012-2013. Stalaker was compensated from Campaign funds at \$7,500 per month in the years 2012 and 2013. This compensation is reported on Campaign Finance Reports on file with the Secretary of State's Office.

In 2012, there was no official Job Description for Senior Political Advisor. Stalaker's duties, however, included acting as liaison to the Alabama Republican Party and the Republican Governor's Association, advising the Governor on various legislative and policy matters, acting as liaison to political groups, acting as a surrogate for the governor in various meetings and speaking engagements, and conducting various meetings with legislators and legislative staff.

In this role, Stalaker was given key card access to the Capitol, a parking space, workspace and attended all Senior Staff meetings in the Governor's Office.

Throughout the course of the 2014 Re-Election Campaign, the campaign itself and its personnel assumed these duties and addressed issues of a political nature previously assigned to the Governor's Office Senior Political Advisor position.

Following the November 2014 General Election, Stalaker did not join the new Administration.

Rebekah Mason previously served as Press Secretary for the 2010 Bentley Campaign. She was appointed to the role of Director of Communications 2011-2012, appointed to Communications Advisor 2012-2013, served as the Director of Communications for the 2014 Bentley Re-election Campaign and in 2015 began serving in the position of Senior Political Advisor.

Like the previous term, the position of Senior Political Advisor was compensated from Campaign Funds. From March 2015-March 2016 Mason was compensated \$5,000/mo as reported on Campaign Finance Reports filed with the Secretary of State's Office, and in accordance to Fair Campaign Practices Act 17-5-7(A) which allows for the use of campaign funds "for expenditures that are reasonably related to performing the duties of the Office held".

Like the previous term, the position of Senior Political Advisor in 2015 was given key card access to the Capitol, a parking space, workspace and attended all Senior Staff meetings.

In 2015 the position of Senior Political Advisor was outlined in an Official Job Description which is on file with the State Personnel Office.

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