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Paul Mitchell joins Southern Strategy Group after having served at the top in some of the most powerful executive branch agencies in Florida government. Paul began his career in state government in 1988 as an aide to, then Insurance Commissioner, Tom Gallagher. In 1994, Mitchell was appointed Chief Cabinet Aide to former Secretary of State Sandra Mortham and specialized in financial services, environmental and education issues. In 1998, following Tom Gallagher's election as Education Commissioner, Paul Mitchell was asked to serve as the Commissioner's Chief of Staff. Six years and two successful administrations later, Paul continued to serve as Chief of Staff to Tom Gallagher, the state's first Chief Financial Officer at the Florida Department of Insurance and then at the Department of Financial Services.

A native Floridian from Palm Beach County, Paul Mitchell was a dedicated public servant for more than fifteen years. Prior to entering government, he graduated with honors from Florida State University in Political Communications.

An expert in policy and administration, Paul served on several boards and commissions including the E.R.P. (Enterprise Resource Planning) Integration Task Force, a statewide effort initiated by the legislature to improve financial management of taxpayer dollars and modernize state personnel systems. Paul also served with the Florida Commission on Economic Education and the "Just Read Florida" program.