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Laura Boehmer brings a wide range of experience in local, state, and federal policy to Southern Strategy Group's Tampa Bay office. Having worked in and around government for over 10 years, Laura has assisted elected officials, community organizations, governments and businesses in achieving their goals.

Prior to joining Southern Strategy Group, Laura served as the chief lobbyist for the City of St. Petersburg where she was responsible for all policy and appropriation issues. In that role, Laura directed the federal appropriations process for the City and succeeded in securing millions of dollars in federal grants and earmarks. In addition to her federal work for the City, Laura was also responsible for developing, strategizing and advocating for the City's State Legislative Program and was also instrumental in the creation and implementation of the City's Sustainability program.

In her role at the City, Laura served as staff for former Mayor Rick Baker in his roles as the Chairman of the Century Commission of a Sustainable Florida, Vice Chair of the Governors Action Team on Energy, and Climate Change, and Group Leader of Governor Crist's Transition Team. This experience gave Laura extensive exposure to numerous policy issues and the opportunity to build statewide relationships with political and business leaders.

Prior to working for the City, Laura served as legislative staff in the Florida House of Representatives. Laura also worked for a private lobbying firm representing clients on a wide variety of issues. Laura has staffed and volunteered on various campaigns and worked with a national corporation on nation-wide grass roots efforts to pass legislation. Having analyzed patterns of Congress, maintained PAC communications between a corporate government relations department and PAC members, Laura is well versed in the political efforts of both the private and public sectors.

Laura continues to serve the community and the state in many ways by serving on the boards of The Florida Green Building Coalition and Creative Clay Inc. Cultural Arts Center. Laura is also a member of The Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg, The St. Petersburg Chamber Young Professionals, and the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club.

Laura is a Lecturer on local government and lobbying at Stetson University College of Law.

Laura attended the University of Kentucky and received a degree in Political Science from the University of Central Florida in 2000.

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