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A photograph of two women smiling at the camera. The woman on the left is older, with short white hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue blazer over a light-colored striped blouse. The woman on the right is younger, with long dark hair, wearing a white blazer over a white top and a pearl necklace. They are standing in front of a blurred background of a crowded reception area.

## Catching up in Montgomery

The Business Council of Alabama held its 2019 legislative reception in Montgomery on April 2, 2019, and the room was packed with Alabama business and political leaders.



**Cover:** Gov. Kay Ivey (left) and Katie Boyd Britt (right) posed for a picture before entering BCA's legislative reception.

**1:** More than 600 people attended BCA's legislative reception .

**2.** Representatives A.J. McCampbell, D-Livingston, and Kyle South, R-Fayette, where among the many elected officials in attendance.

**3.** Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth spoke to business leaders at the April reception.

## Business Council Salutes Leaders of State Government

The Business Council of Alabama hosted a record crowd at its reception to salute leaders of state government. Governor Kay Ivey, legislators, statewide officers, BCA members, and chamber executives were among the more than 600 people at the April event held at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center.

Earlier that day, the BCA's board of directors held its spring meeting to update board members on the association's activities and approve Anna Buckalew from the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce as a new board member. Kevin Savoy of Great Southern Wood Preserving was elected BCA's secretary.

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## David Cole and Molly Cagle join BCA Government Affairs Team

David Cole and Molly Cagle joined the Business Council of Alabama's governmental affairs team just prior to the start of the 2019 legislative session. David Cole was named senior vice president of governmental affairs, and Molly Cagle was named vice president of governmental affairs.

"David and Molly bring a wealth of experience and have proven track records of success in the governmental affairs arena," said BCA President and CEO Katie Boyd Britt. "David and Molly are well-known at the State House, and their knowledge and relationships position them to advocate effectively for Alabama business owners, employees, and families."

Cole joined the Alabama Farmers Federation in 2006 as area organization director, and in 2011, he accepted a position in Alfa's Governmental Affairs sector where he recently was named director of state affairs for the Alabama Farmers Federation and the Alfa Companies. Prior to his work in government affairs, Cole was a small business owner and started his own landscape design and installation business following graduation from Auburn University.

"Having David in this leadership role means great things for Alabama's businesses," Britt said. "He has a stellar reputation, strong work ethic, and will be an immediate contributor to the BCA."

Cagle began her political career working on campaigns. When Senator Del Marsh was elected Pro Tem of the Senate, she served as Senate liaison for nearly four years. Cagle

joined Manufacture Alabama in 2014 and served most recently as vice president of external affairs, overseeing their lobbying and political efforts. She is a graduate of Troy University.

"Molly's experience and immense knowledge of the legislative process position her to hit the ground running, and I have no doubt that she will prove invaluable to Alabama's business community," Britt said.



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