

Former high-level legislative employees launch their own firm

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Four former high-level employees in the Florida Senate and Florida Legislature have joined together to start their own firm that will offer advice and consulting services to lobbyists and associations.

The new company -- called Capital Analytics LLC -- has just opened a Tallahassee office and launched a website.

The people in the firm are David Coburn, Richard Herring, Alan Johansen and Joseph Brigham. Coburn was a long-time fixture in the Capitol, serving as chief of staff for two House speakers, one Senate president and most recently serving as staff director of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Herring, who has 26 years of experience with the Legislature, spent the last four years as special counsel in the Senate. Johansen is a former staff director of the Senate Finance and Tax Committee while Brigham spent the last nine years as staff director of the Technology Review Workgroup.

Coburn said on Thursday that the group will not do any direct lobbying of state lawmakers, but that the group has experience in a wide array of areas from taxes, budgets and technology to help give technical advice to those who do lobby.

"We think it will be fun to give it a try," Coburn said.

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