

Alston & Bird enviro lawyers start new firm

Four former Alston & Bird LLP partners have begun Mowrey Meezan Coddington Cloud LLP — a new law firm in Atlanta and Washington, D.C., that will focus on clients with environmental, climate change and energy issues.

The founders are Bob Mowrey, Dave Meezan, Kipp Coddington and Doug Cloud.

Mowrey chaired two practice groups at Atlanta-based Alston & Bird, playing a role developing the Atlanta firm's reputation for environmental services.

Meezan is a former chair of the Georgia State Bar Environmental Section. He has handled major environmental litigation and regulatory, domestic and international climate change and hazardous materials transportation issues.

Coddington is regarded as a leading climate

and energy lawyer. He has advised clients on a wide range of climate change policy issues and has represented international carbon funds on transactions driven by carbon credits. He will lead Mowrey Meezan Coddington Cloud's Washington office.

Cloud defends clients in federal and state enforcement proceedings and helps manage environmental issues in corporate and real estate transactions. He's regarded for Clean Air and hazardous site and brownfields redevelopment solutions.

“We formed this venture to provide clients with focused entrepreneurial legal services on cutting-edge environmental, climate change, and energy issues,” Bob Mowrey said in a news release. “The legal market has changed significantly over the past several years, and we took this step to maximize our ability to meet and exceed our clients' needs and expectations.”