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John Goodson of Texarkana is a law partner at Keil & Goodson, P.A. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1987 and law degree in 1989 from the University of Arkansas. His term expires in 2021.

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Morril Harriman of Little Rock has served as Governor Mike Beebe’s chief of staff since Beebe took office in 2007. Prior to that, Harriman served 16 years in the Arkansas Senate. He earned both his bachelor and law degrees from the University of Arkansas. His term expires in 2024.

Kelly Eichler, assistant secretary
Kelly Eichler of Little Rock is the public policy director for Gov. Asa Hutchinson. She previously served as a deputy prosecutor for Pulaski County and on the Arkansas Board of Corrections. She earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Arkansas and a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law. Her term expires in 2026.

David Pryor

Stephen Broughton
Dr. Stephen Broughton of Pine Bluff is a staff psychiatrist for the Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health System. Broughton earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and completed his medical education at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. His term expires in 2022.

C.C. "Cliff" Gibson III
C.C. "Cliff" Gibson III of Monticello is founder of Gibson and Keith Law Firm and serves as county attorney for Drew County, Ark. The former president of the Monticello Economic Development Commission, Gibson attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello and earned his Juris Doctor at the UALR Bowen School of Law. His term expires in 2023.

Sheffield Nelson
Sheffield Nelson of Little Rock is a retired president and chief executive office of Arkla Gas. He has served on the board of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Nelson earned his undergraduate degree from Arkansas State Teachers College, now the University of Central Arkansas, and his law degree from the University of Arkansas. His term expires in 2025.

Tommy Boyer
Tommy Boyer, of Fayetteville, graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1964, where he was also an All-American basketball player. He retired from the Eastman Kodak Company in 1989, and founded Micro Images in Amarillo, Texas. Within two years, Micro Images had become the largest Kodak document imaging systems broker and reseller in the United States. Boyer was inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. His term expires in 2027.

Steve Cox
Steve Cox of Jonesboro graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1982 after having earned All Southwest Conference and All America honors during his football career as a punter and kicker, later playing in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns and Washington Redskins. He rose through the ranks of banking before becoming a managing partner at Rainwater and Cox LLC, which oversees ownership and management of an array of commercial, hotel and agricultural properties. His term expires in 2018.