

# Santee Cooper's Top In-House Lawyer Fired as Utility Continues to Face Uncertain Future

"Santee Cooper fired its chief legal officer this week as the state-run utility continues to weather the political backlash from a failed nuclear project and seeks to finalize a multi-million dollar legal settlement over those abandoned reactors," reports Andrew Brown in *The Post and Courier*.

"Mike Baxley, a former judge and state lawmaker, was officially released from his position as Santee Cooper's chief public affairs officer and general counsel on Friday."

"The general counsel position was a role Baxley held since he joined the Mocks Corner-based utility in 2014, following a 14-year stint as a judge in South Carolina's 4th Judicial Circuit."

"Baxley declined to comment on exactly why he was let go. When contacted, he said: 'The only comment appropriate for me to make at this time is my departure was not voluntary.'"

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