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Ralph L." Bill" Axselle named to 2014 "Leaders in the Law" by Virginia Lawyers Weekly

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Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that The Honorable Ralph L." Bill" Axselle, Jr., head of the State Government Relations group at Williams Mullen, has been named to the 2014 class of Leaders in the Law by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

Mr. Axselle joined Williams Mullen after retiring from the Virginia legislature, where he served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1974 through 1990. His practice includes land use, regulatory, lobbying, and administrative law, which he practices before state and local governments.

Based on the appointment of numerous different governors, Mr. Axselle has served as chairman of the Regulatory Climate Workgroup of the Economic Recovery Commission and as a member of the Virginia Regulatory Roundtable, the Blue Ribbon Strike Force: Governor's Commission on Government Reform, the Virginia Strategy Board, the Governor's Commission on Transportation Policy and the Administrative Law Advisory Committee for the Virginia Code Commission. He also has been appointed by two governors to serve on the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors and has been appointed by two Speakers of the House to serve on the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Mr. Axselle is a former chairman of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of Richmond Region 2007. In 2005, Mr. Axselle was the recipient of the Henrico Business Council of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. His past activities have included service to numerous charities such as the YMCA, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the United Way, the Virginia Jaycees and the Council for America's First Freedom. He formerly was active with the Government Affairs Committee of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Transportation Study Task Force of the Richmond Chamber. He also has served as a member of the board of trustees of Fork Union Military Academy.

Now in its eighth year, the "Leaders in the Law" program recognizes the lawyers across the Commonwealth who are setting the standard for other lawyers in Virginia. "Leaders" are recognized for changing the law, serving the community, changing practice or improving Virginia's justice system, among other accomplishments. The full list of 2014 honorees is available [here](#).

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