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Government Relations

Williams Mullen's Government Relations Group represents businesses, associations and individuals in government-related actions at the state and local levels with a special focus on Virginia and North Carolina. Experience and effective advocacy efforts are at the core of our service. We also distinguish ourselves by understanding our clients' businesses and working cooperatively to prevail on our clients' interests.

At the state level, our team of attorneys and government consultants has decades of experience working with the executive and legislative branches of government. We have worked closely with statewide elected officials, legislators, agency heads, key staff and interest groups. We have extensive experience actively counseling and advocating for clients on issues before the Virginia and North Carolina General Assemblies, and we are proud to have represented clients in most of their major public policy developments. Our advocacy continues throughout the year and includes coordinating grassroots lobbying efforts, providing political advice and helping clients work with pivotal members of the legislature. In addition, the group regularly advocates for clients before state and local government boards and agencies.

The team's strength comes from the distinct experience of our attorneys and professionals. In Virginia, this includes a former 24-year member of the House of Delegates and also chairman of the Courts of Justice Committee, a former attorney with the Division of Legislative Services and a former Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade. In North Carolina, it includes a former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives and a former legislative staff attorney with a decade of experience lobbying for a trade association and a Fortune 500 company. Equally important, our team includes many other attorneys and consultants with significant government advocacy experience.

As veterans of the legislative and political process, our team has unique insight and understanding into the workings of governors' administrations, state legislatures and agencies. Williams Mullen has the talent and experience to assist clients in any state where they may have an issue. We work with our clients to identify the best approach to address their distinct issues and then prepare a detailed strategy. If necessary, we also help them recruit local professional assistance for the project in the targeted or affected state.

Our clients' diverse interests include:

- Alcoholic beverage regulation
- Budget-related issues
- Business corporate issues
- Communications
- Construction

- Economic Development
- Employment
- Energy
- Environment and natural resources
- Financial institutions
- Health care
- Insurance
- Intellectual property
- International
- Maritime
- Privatization
- Procurement
- Professions and professional regulation
- Real estate: land use and development
- Retirement communities
- Taxation (including non-profit)
- Technology (including internet technology)
- Telecommunications
- Tort reform
- Transportation

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- 2010 Legislative Issues for Virginia
- Congressional Update - Nov. 11, 2009
- Congressional Update - September 16, 2009
- Congressional Update - Healthcare Alert
- Congressional Update - Healthcare Alert
- Congressional Update - July 2, 2009
- Congressional Update - June 5, 2009
- Congressional Update April 21, 2009
- Congressional Update April 2009
- Congressional Update March 2009
- Congressional Update
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- Will Stimulus Funding Bring Virginia Relief or Regrets?
- 2009 Virginia General Assembly Post-Session Update
- 2009 Legislative Issues for Virginia
- Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2012 Virginia ?Legal Elite?
- Accomplished North Carolina Lobbyist Doug Heron Returns to Williams Mullen
- Virginia Legislative Report at the Conclusion of the 2013 Session
- North Carolina Legislative Tax Alert
- Williams Mullen Legislative Alert - Tax Reform Deal Struck in North Carolina
- 100 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2014 Best Lawyers in America
- Caution: When State Corruption Becomes a Federal Crime
- Distinguished Virginia Energy Lobbyist Cathie France Joins Williams Mullen?s State Government Relations Practice
- Williams Mullen Receives Top Rankings in U.S. News Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms"
- Special Due Diligence Concerns When Buying Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Williams Mullen Welcomes Virginia State Lobbyists Angela I. Bezik and Julianna M. Dime
- Angie Bezik's move to Williams Mullen highlighted by Tidewater Biz
- Eight Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2015 ?Lawyers of the Year? by The Best Lawyers in America
- 100 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2015 Best Lawyers in America
- Ralph L.? Bill? Axselle named to 2014 ?Leaders in the Law? by Virginia Lawyers Weekly
- NC Legislature End of Session Report - 2014
- North Carolina ABC Legislative Wrap-Up 2014
- Ken Hutcheson quoted in Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star
- Williams Mullen Government Relations 2014 General Elections Report

- Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to Virginia Business magazine's 2014 'Legal Elite'
- Williams Mullen welcomes Government Affairs Assistant Rhian Lyn Merwald
- Campaign Coordination: Warning to Political Candidates and Related Super PACs
- Patrick Cushing quoted in The Free Lance-Star about Stafford development rules
- 106 Williams Mullen Attorneys named 2016 Best Lawyers in America
- 15 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2016 'Lawyers of the Year' by The Best Lawyers in America
- Ken Hutcheson Quoted in Free-Lance Star About Legoland Theme Park
- Williams Mullen Named One of the Top Five Government Relations and Lobbying Firms in Virginia
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 16 Legal Practices by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms? 2016
- Ken Hutcheson Quoted in The Free Lance-Star About Minimum Tax on Gas
- 56 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2016 Virginia Super Lawyers; 22 Named 2016 Rising Stars
- FAA Issues Final Rule for Businesses to Use Drones
- 100 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2017 Best Lawyers in America
- Nine Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2017 'Lawyers of the Year' by Best Lawyers®
- Reggie Jones Named to the 2016 Class of 'Leaders in the Law' by Virginia Lawyers Weekly
- Ken Hutcheson Hired to Represent the Town of Ashland Regarding High-Speed Rail
- Unmanned Systems Team Provides Insight on Drone Industry to Virginia Business
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 15 Legal Practices by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms? 2017
- Recent Elections Will Bring Changes to Health Care
- 54 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers List; 21 Named 2017 Rising Stars
- Virginia Delegate Dave Albo to Join Williams Mullen's Government Relations Team
- Virginia Governor McAuliffe signs 11 Bills Promoting Solar and Renewable
- 114 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2018
- Nine Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2018 'Lawyers of the Year' by The Best Lawyers in America
- Williams Mullen Announces Retirement of Ralph L. 'Bill' Axselle, Jr.
- Navigating the State and Local Public Procurement Process in Virginia
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 14 Practice Areas by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms? 2018
- 46 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's 2017 'Legal Elite'
- 4 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to Governor-elect Ralph Northam's Transition Policy Councils
- Williams Mullen Congratulates Brian Ball on Appointment to Become Special Advisor to the Governor for Economic Development
- Former Virginia Delegate Dave Albo Officially Joins Williams Mullen

- Albo's Rules: Former Virginia Delegate Dave Albo Distills Almost a Quarter Century of Legislative life Into 11 Rules You Can Use to Make Your State the Best Place in America!
- Dave Albo Writes 11 'Rules' for State Legislatures to Remember While Governing
- Dave Albo Discusses How Shift of Virginia's House of Delegates Impacts Northern Virginia
- 53 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to 2018 Virginia Super Lawyers List; 20 Named 2018 Rising Stars
- North Carolina Update on Health Care Legislation in 2017
- Williams Mullen Welcomes Elizabeth Rafferty as Director of Government Relations
- Dave Albo Discusses Development of Medical Cannabis Licensing Process in Virginia
- Lobbyist Sarah Patterson Joins Williams Mullen's North Carolina Government Relations Team
- Elizabeth Rafferty Featured in the Richmond Times-Dispatch's 'Decision Maker' Section
- Jordan Chillon Selected for Sorensen Institute's 2018 Emerging Leaders Program
- 110 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in Latest Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- 14 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 'Lawyers of the Year' by The Best Lawyers in America©
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 15 Practice Areas by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers 'Best Law Firms' 2019
- Reggie Jones Receives Architecture Medal for Virginia Service from AIA Virginia
- 45 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite for 2018
- Dave Albo Profiled in Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite Issue
- Jordan Chillon Selected for Sorensen Institute's Political Leaders Program
- Governor Northam News Recap and Succession Information in the Event of Resignation
- Dave Albo Selected to Lead Williams Mullen's Government Relations Practice; Reggie Jones Plans Retirement
- 119 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in 2020 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in 13 Practice Areas by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers 'Best Law Firms' 2020
- 55 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite for 2019
- Virginia General Assembly Passes the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) and Several Other Important Renewable Energy Bills
- Combined Federal, VA and NC Government Resources for COVID-19
- VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020: What Virginia Employers Need to Know
- Reconvene Session of the Virginia General Assembly
- COVID-19 Comeback Plan: Part I - Doing Business With the Commonwealth of Virginia
- NC Grants Broad Immunity to Businesses for COVID-19 Related Illnesses
- COVID-19 Comeback Plan: Preparing Today for Tomorrow's PPP Audit
- COVID-19 Comeback Plan: Part II - Doing Business With the Commonwealth of Virginia
- 2020 Virginia Special Session Report

- 2020 NC Legislative Session Recap
- 2020 NC Election Update
- 2020 Virginia Election Report
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in Practice Areas by U.S. News ? Best Lawyers ?Best Law Firms? 2021
- 61 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine?s Legal Elite for 2020
- Governor Northam?s New Steps for COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts
- Chuck James Elected to Williams Mullen?s Board of Directors
- Williams Mullen 2021 Virginia General Assembly Session Overview
- Current Status of Law To Legalize Marijuana in Virginia
- 124 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in 2022 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- 2021 Virginia Election Report
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in 16 Practice Areas by U.S. News - Best Lawyers 'Best Law Firms' 2022
- North Carolina Legislative Redistricting Update (Maps Included)
- New Director of Government Relations Joins Williams Mullen
- Anticipated Issues in the Virginia 2022 Legislative Session
- Carter Whitelow Selected for Sorensen Institute's Political Leaders Program
- Williams Mullen 2022 Virginia General Assembly Session Overview
- New Virginia Prompt Payment Statutes Invalidate Most 'Pay When Paid' Clauses
- 2022 NC Primary Election Update

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- What?s Budding in Virginia?: A Primer on Marijuana Law CLE
- Virginia Solar & Energy Storage 2021 Legislative Update
- The 2020 Business Solutions Series: Preparing Today for Tomorrow's PPP Audit
- VSCPA Town Hall
- Webinar: Virginia Clean Economy Act - Blockbuster General Assembly Session
- Webinar: Virginia Solar 2019 Legislative Update
- Selling Unmanned Systems Products and Services to Federal, State and Local Government Agencies
- The Hidden Risks of P3s: Fiscal Challenges and Opportunities - 71st Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference
- Decision 2012 and Its Impact on the Future of Health Care Reform
- Fiscal Responsibility in Government
- Public-Private Partnerships: Navigating the Process for Participation in Virginia's Alternative Fuel Vehicles Program

- A DASH OF SESALT: "Understanding Your Biggest Corporate Expense"

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