



## Patrick Cushing Joins Williams Mullen's State Government Affairs Team

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**RICHMOND, Va. (August 23, 2011)** -- Patrick Cushing, a lawyer and seasoned state lobbying professional, has joined Williams Mullen and its state Government Affairs team led by former Virginia legislator, The Honorable Ralph L. "Bill" Axselle, Jr.

Cushing, formerly vice president of government relations for Richmond-based Alliance Group, has provided government relations, association management, business development, and lobbying services to both small businesses and large multinational companies throughout his career. He has extensive industry experience in developing legislative policy in the fields of alcoholic beverage control, information technology, economic development, energy, agriculture, biotechnology, and privacy.

Cushing also led the government relations and lobbying activities for the Virginia Wine Council and the Virginia Grain Producers Association, serving as the Executive Director for both organizations. In addition, he served as a staff attorney for Virginia's Division of Legislative Services/Joint Commission on Technology and Science. Currently he also serves as a lobbyist for the Virginia Bar Association.

"Patrick is a welcome addition to our strong and fast growing government affairs team," said Thomas R. Frantz, president and chief executive officer. "His extensive knowledge of the Virginia Code and the legislative process will help our clients with their government relations and lobbying needs."

Cushing holds a bachelor's degree in integrated science and technology from James Madison University. He earned his law degree from Roger Williams University School of Law where he was president of the Moot Court and a member of the School's honor board.

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