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Hon. Terrie L. Suit Named to Virginia Governor-Elect's Cabinet

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RICHMOND, Va. - Williams Mullen announces that the Hon. Terrie L. Suit, government affairs director, was named Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness by Virginia Governor-Elect Robert F. McDonnell this morning. In this role she will oversee the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness which assists in the development of coordinated security and preparedness strategies and implementation plans. The office also serves as the liaison between the Governor and the federal Department of Homeland Security.

The primary duties of the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness include oversight, coordination, and review of all disaster, emergency management, and terrorism management plans for the state and its agencies. It also is responsible for educating the public on homeland security and overall preparedness issues.

"Terrie is a remarkable woman who I have had the good fortune to work with," said Thomas R. Frantz, president of the firm. "Her contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia are immeasurable. Although I am sad to lose her as a colleague at Williams Mullen, I know that she will do an amazing job her new role."

Before joining Williams Mullen, Ms. Suit spent nearly a decade as a member of the House of Delegates in the Virginia General Assembly representing the citizens of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. During her tenure she chaired both the General Laws Committee and the Virginia Housing Commission. She also served on the Commerce and Labor, Counties Cities and Towns, Education and Agriculture Committees. Ms. Suit's assignments dealt with a wide range of business issues as well as concentrations in housing issues and military relations. Prior to serving in the General Assembly, Ms. Suit served for three years as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Real Estate Board.

"I look forward to working with Terrie in her new capacity. She is extremely knowledgeable of preparedness issues and she will do great job in her role," said the Hon. Jerry W. Kilgore, chair of the firm's government relations team.

Ms. Suit will take on her new role on Jan. 23, 2010.

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