



## Williams Mullen Congratulates Brian Ball on Appointment to Become Special Advisor to the Governor for Economic Development

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Williams Mullen proudly congratulates Brian Ball on his appointment today to become Virginia's Special Advisor to the Governor for Economic Development and Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

Brian worked as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice and, for nearly three decades, concentrated his practice on securities laws, corporate governance matters and mergers and acquisitions. He also represented numerous companies interested in locating or expanding their operations in Virginia on economic development matters, including tax incentives, workforce development and power procurement.

In addition, Brian was a member of the firm's Government Relations practice, and he served on the firm's board of directors and as its general counsel.

"I have had the privilege of practicing law with Brian for 30 years. He is an exceptional attorney who really understands how businesses and business transactions work," Williams Mullen President and CEO Woody Fowler said. "He is a great addition to Governor Northam's team, and the Commonwealth of Virginia will definitely benefit from his experience and expertise. We will miss Brian, but he leaves behind a group of very well trained and skilled business lawyers to carry forward the practice group that he helped build."

Brian serves on Governor-elect Ralph Northam's Transition Committee. He also serves on the board of Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and is a past president of the Richmond Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth. He previously was a member of the board of VIRGINIAforever, an organization representing businesses and conservation groups seeking funding for land preservation and water quality.

Brian graduated with high distinction from the University of Virginia where he was an Echols Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia.

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