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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Murtha Cullina LLP offers a full range of legal and government relations services to businesses, non-profit organizations and individual clients. The firm's regional practice focuses on litigation throughout New England, transtional representation in the corporate, financial and real estate areas, estate and closely held business planning, and specialty legal services to the health care, communications, energy and utility industries.

LOBBYING SERVICES OFFERED

For the past 22 years, Murtha Cullina's Government Affairs Group has assisted businesses, associations, non-profit organizations and municipalities manage and navigate the technical and political landscape of federal, state and local government. Our integrated team works with clients to develop and achieve their public policy goals, including passing legislation, obtaining funding for programs, and developing a supportive grass-roots strategy to educate lawmakers. Janemarie W. Murphy*, Elizabeth M. Gemski*, Michael J. Martone*, and David J. McQuade*, bring more than 80 years of experience at all levels of government and a well-deserved reputation for achievement, integrity and professionalism. Together with the firm's many legal experts, the Government Affairs Group offers clients extraordinary knowledge of the people, the policies and the processes of government.

The Government Affairs Group provides a comprehensive array of public policy management services. The Group works to clarify organizational goals, design a cost-effective strategy to realize those goals and implement that strategy discretely and effectively.

The Murtha Cullina Government Affairs team has successfully lobbied on behalf of professional organizations, businesses, trade associations, and non-profit organizations. Our past accomplishments include:

- Secured a professional license for a trade organization to establish their professional integrity and ensure that industry safety standards are met in the field
- Secured bond money for a major non-profit organization for physical improvement and construction projects
- Defeated legislation that would have dismantled a well-established state permitting process
- Saved a financial aid program from elimination by restoring funding in a climate of state budget deficits
- Passed legislation to expand professional and programmatic scope of practice

SERVICES

- Legislative lobbying
- Administrative lobbying
- Media relations, including seminars and newsletters
- Strategy development
- Public policy development
- Assistance with state agency and municipal officials
- Assistance with federal policy initiatives
- Grass-roots strategy, advocacy and constituency development

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Ms. Murphy's expertise in state and municipal government is coupled with her extensive experience with community groups and in public interest negotiations. From 1990 to 1994, she served as Senior Legislative Aide to the Senate President Pro Tempore of the Connecticut General Assembly. Previously, Ms. Murphy had been a Legislative Assistant to the State Senate Majority Office and served as staff to the Legislative Task Force on Manufacturing. She has served as a grant seeker with United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods, a housing consultant with Imagineers, and a community organizer with Hartford Areas Rally Together. Ms. Murphy holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Holy Cross College.

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Ms. Gemski has over 10 years of experience in Federal and State Government Affairs working in Washington, DC, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Previously, Ms. Gemski was State Vice President of Health and Advocacy Initiatives for the American Cancer Society in Rhode Island where she was responsible for state-level planning, implementation and evaluation of health initiatives, as well as government affairs programs. Ms. Gemski received her B.A. from Clark University and interned at the Office of Greville Janner, Queen's Court, Member of Parliament in London, England.

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Mr. Martone has a strong background in state and federal government and politics. Prior to joining Murtha Cullina LLP, he was the political director of Governor John Rowland's successful reelection effort. He also served Governor Rowland as a legislative program director at the Department of Economic and Community Development from 1997 to 1998, as his director of constituent services from 1995 to 1997, and as director of constituent service in Governor Rowland's Congressional Office from 1985 to 1991. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Quinnipiac College and has continued graduate studies at Southern Connecticut State University.

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Mr. McQuade's extensive experience in state and federal legislative procedure has served private and public interests for more than 25 years. He is expert in local, state and federal government administrative functions and has extensive experience in advocacy before public interest and community groups. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. McQuade served as Chief of Staff for the Senate Majority Office of the Connecticut General Assembly. He served seven years under Governor William A. O'Neill as Chief of Staff and as Administrative Aide for Policies and Programs. Previously, Mr. McQuade had been Manager of Governmental/Regional Policies for the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He served in the Office of Congressman William R. Cotter as Chief District Aide and Press Secretary and continues to maintain excellent media contacts. Mr. McQuade began his career in 1973 in the General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research. He holds a bachelor's degree from George Washington University and a master's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut.