

North Carolina Government Affairs



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Our Practice:

Since the firm's founding in 1876, our attorneys have been at the forefront of government affairs in the Tarheel state. For example, in 1904, North Carolinians elected as their governor, Robert Glenn, an early member with the firm. Today, Womble Carlyle continues its ties to the Capital with Jim Hunt, the state's only four-term governor, now a member in the Raleigh office of the firm, as well as Burley Mitchell, the former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The talents and experience of these and other prominent leaders in our North Carolina Government Affairs practice give our clients unmatched expertise and connections to help shape policy, build consensus, guide public opinion and navigate regulatory hurdles.

North Carolina Offices:

Of the firm's twelve offices, five are located in North Carolina—in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh and Research Triangle Park—providing the firm with an influential stronghold in the key population centers of the state.

Raleigh, NC: The Capital of North Carolina, Raleigh serves as the headquarters for the North Carolina Government Affairs practice. In addition to including several prominent former elected officials from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of North Carolina government, this top notch team includes lawyers and professionals with extensive experience with the state's regulatory agencies.

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Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr.



Chief Justice Burley B. Mitchell, Jr.



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Federal Government Affairs:

Womble Carlyle's Federal Government Affairs group helps clients succeed with creative solutions and experienced counsel. With a former governor, as well as senior advisors with careers in government, law, political campaigns and media, we do more than just open doors. We influence policy, build coalitions, shape public opinion and navigate regulatory hurdles. In short, we deliver results, and we have done so for more than a decade at all levels of government.

REPRESENTATIVE ATTORNEYS AND PROFESSIONALS:

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. is the only four-term governor in North Carolina history. During his tenure, he achieved national acclaim for his efforts to improve public education and job creation, as well as increasing trade relations with the Far East. He continues to champion economic development initiatives throughout the state.

As Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, **Justice Burley B. Mitchell, Jr.** authored many landmark decisions. Now, Justice Mitchell puts that experience to work on behalf of clients, particularly in the economic development arena.

James Wesley Cooper Broughton* served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms for nine years. Since joining Womble Carlyle in 2003, Jimmy has worked on behalf of governmental and corporate clients to advance their agendas at the state and federal level. Jimmy regularly provides strategic advice to companies proposing to locate or expand in North Carolina and acts for them in advancing their interests before the North Carolina General Assembly.

Laura DeVivo* has more than 12 years of experience working closely in North Carolina's Legislative and Executive branches, including serving as Senior Policy Advisor to N.C. Speaker of the House Joe Hackney. Now, she brings her public policy experience, political knowledge and top-level contacts to private practice at Womble Carlyle.

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Political Law:

Womble Carlyle's political law practice guides clients through the complex and fast-changing law that governs political activity at the federal, state, and local levels. Our attorneys have extensive experience in the political arena, and include two former governors, the two top law enforcement officials from the Federal Election Commission, and a former corporate lobbyist and PAC treasurer for a public company and a national trade association. We represent corporations, trade associations, 527 and other tax-exempt organizations, broadcast/mass media organizations, professional partnerships, candidates (incumbents and challengers), candidate committees (including Leadership PACs), and individuals.

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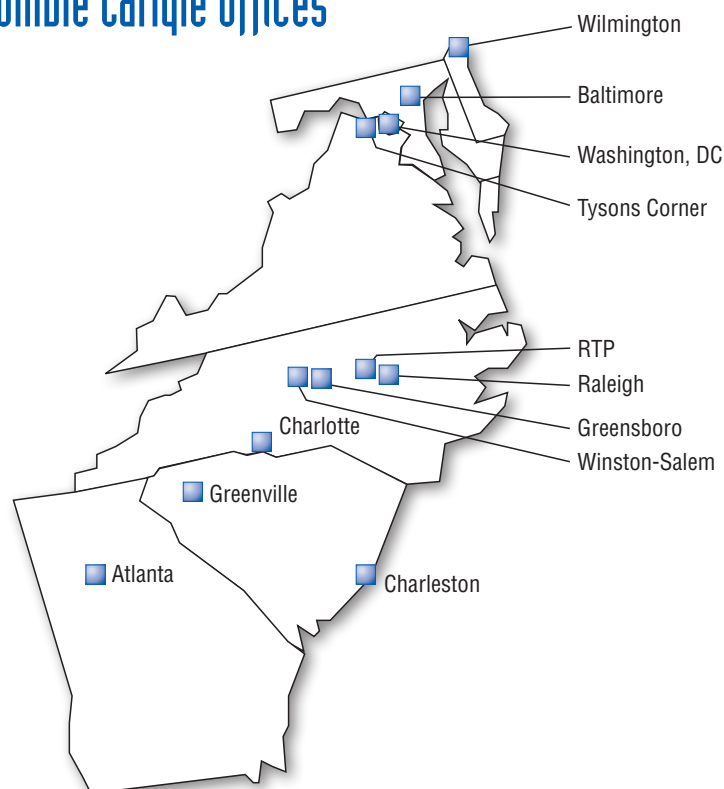
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Womble by the Numbers

550+ LAWYERS

12 OFFICES IN 6 STATES AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

46 LAWYERS NAMED BEST IN FIELD BY CHAMBERS USA 2011

125 LAWYERS SELECTED FOR 2012 BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

OTHER SERVICES

Womble Carlyle recognizes that in today's world, corporations cannot be insulated from the media. For example, the press plays an increasingly significant role in shaping the course of litigation, from its impact on the potential jury pool to the corporate image itself. The media can have an equally significant role in affecting public image and perceived value of a company as it prepares to undertake significant high profile business ventures. In all of these situations, our lawyers and communications professionals have assumed a significant role in helping clients maintain or enhance their reputations and shareholder value.

LITIGATION

We have worked closely with countless clients to prepare company personnel to communicate complex litigation points accurately and effectively in the media in cases involving:

- Toxic Torts
- Environmental Catastrophes
- National, Statewide and Local Class Actions
- Corporate Investigations
- Regulatory Challenges
- Clinical Trials Litigation
- Whistleblower Litigation
- Antitrust

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS

We have counseled corporate clients in a variety of industry sectors on managing media relations during critical business junctures, including:

- Initial and Follow-on Public Offerings
- Corporate Spin-Offs
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- New Product or Service Introductions
- Venture Capital Financings

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