

## Government and Regulatory Affairs

### Overview

**Bond's Government and Regulatory Affairs attorneys are skilled in supporting their clients' legal needs as they navigate the complexities of New York State and local government. We often work in collaboration with lobbyists and consultants, leveraging our legal expertise to meet client needs.**

#### Who we are:

Bond's Government and Regulatory Affairs attorney team brings deep, firsthand experience in government, its operations, structure and culture. Among us are former trade association executives, City Hall liaisons and State agency leaders. We are trusted by public-sector decision makers because we have walked in their shoes. We understand the intricacies of governmental processes and know how to navigate them effectively. Leveraging that insight, we develop tailored action plans that address our clients' unique challenges. We don't just identify problems—we craft and deliver actionable solutions. Bond attorneys have proudly provided this caliber of administrative and regulatory representation for generations.

#### What we do:

Our attorneys solve challenges for clients that interface with government representatives – such as agency leaders, payors, legislators and regulators. We maintain close working relationships across the political spectrum including with elected and appointed officials, and with agencies. We are lawyers with toolboxes to navigate agency, regulatory and even courtroom settings – all while partnering effectively with lobbying firms.

#### How we can help:

If a client's problem requires a legislative solution, we routinely work with our clients' lobbyists to draft a bill and assist in shepherding it. Sometimes a regulatory solution is available, in which case we will seek adoption of a regulation. We help our clients apply for and secure competed-for governmental funding – in the millions of dollars per award. Other times, client needs may require negotiation with a state agency. And there will be those instances when, despite best efforts, litigation against the agency must be pursued.

#### Wins:

- Successfully reopened facilities that regulators have closed due to alleged safety infractions;
- Spearheaded multi-party litigation against governmental agencies concerning rate cuts and unsanctioned service consolidations affecting our clients;
- Guided clients in applying for and securing multimillion-dollar transformation awards (both program and capital) from state agencies; and
- Influenced government leaders to rethink regulations – recasting them or pulling back proposals so they more favorably align with our clients' business prerogatives.

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