

Government Relations

Overview

Bond has been providing New York State administrative, legislative and regulatory representation to our clients for more than 70 years.

We understand how the Legislature and the regulatory agencies work. With that knowledge, we chart action plans to meet our client's individual needs. If a client's problem requires a legislative solution, we will draft a bill and shepherd it through the Legislature. Sometimes a regulatory solution is available, in which case we will seek the adoption of an appropriate regulation. Other times, the client's 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.

Being a full service firm is one of the things that differentiates us from many other firms that are engaged in lobbying or other regulatory work. As lawyers, we understand the impact that legislative and regulatory action can have on our clients. When combined with our lengthy experience in government relations, we know how to craft and present solutions, not just identify problems. We can and do draw on the many talents in the firm to craft those solutions. We also work for the long term. We were here yesterday and will be here tomorrow. We address immediate problems immediately, but avoid sacrificing long term goals to short term solutions.

Our Albany office was founded in 1973 specifically to provide governmental representation to our clients. Today, our Albany office has twenty-five lawyers engaged in the general practice of law, but governmental representation remains a prime focus. Members of our group work closely with government agencies and the Legislature. Members of the group have held government positions themselves. They are active in the American, State and County Bar Associations, as well as other professional organizations. Members of the group belong to both major political parties, but, as a part of our practice, we maintain close working relationships with members of both parties, in both legislative houses, and with the executive agencies.

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