



TAX EXPERT BILL BULLARD, JR. JOINS KELLEY CAWTHORNE

Attorney Bill Bullard, Jr. has joined Kelley Cawthorne as *of counsel*. Kelley Cawthorne is Michigan's leading government relations law firm.

Bullard, a former state senator and tax committee chair, who has served 20 years in the Michigan Legislature, will advise clients in the taxation, financial services and transportation sectors. The former district representative for United States Congressman Thad McCotter is currently the Chair of the Oakland County Commission.

"Bill Bullard has unmatched experience at the federal, state and local levels of government," said Rob Elhenicky, a partner at Kelley Cawthorne Consulting. "He'll be a tremendous asset in helping business, insurance and financial services clients protect their interests during the upcoming tax reform debate in the Michigan Legislature.

"As Legislature begins to consider a replacement for the Single Business Tax and a proposal to extend the sales tax to services this year, Bill has the legislative experience necessary to help our clients understand and take advantage of this historic change in tax policy."

While serving the maximum years allowed in the Michigan Legislature, Bullard has chaired the House Tax Policy Committee during the adoption of Proposal A, the landmark property tax reform measure of 1993. In addition, he has chaired the Senate Financial Services and Transportation Committees and was the chief sponsor of more than 170 bills, which became public acts.

Since his election to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 2004, his peers have twice selected him as Board Chair.

Kelley Cawthorne is Michigan's leading government relations law firm. Kelley Cawthorne received more positive ratings than any other multi-client lobbying firm in a recent survey conducted by Inside Michigan Politics. The bi-partisan firm was co-founded by former Michigan Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and former House Republican Leader Dennis O. Cawthorne. Both founders remain active in politics and serve as members of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission by gubernatorial appointment.

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