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Overview

Former Florida Attorney General and Congressman Bill McCollum Co-Chairs Dentons' US State Attorney General Practice. His practice focuses on corporate compliance and investigations; complex state legal, regulatory and legislative matters; state anti-trust law enforcement; multi-state investigations and litigation; public policy; and advising and assisting companies with disruptive new technologies. He has represented and consulted for companies from a variety of industries with manufacturing and other business interests in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America

Bill served as the 36th Attorney General of Florida from 2007-2011. During his term of office he led the challenge by a large group of state attorneys general to the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, positioned Florida as a national leader in the fight against child pornography and internet child predators, and championed a wide range of consumer protection causes from claims coming out of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to combatting mortgage fraud and Medicaid fraud. Since developing, advocating for and gaining enactment of a law in Florida capping contingency fees in state litigation outsourced to private attorneys, Bill has championed enactment of similar Transparency in Private Attorney Contracting legislation in many other states.

As a member of the Florida Cabinet, Bill was one of only four statewide elected officials who shared executive power over the state pension fund, the Financial Services Commission (insurance, banks and securities), the Division of Bond Finance, the Department of Revenue, the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

A Republican, Bill represented Florida's 8th Congressional District in the US House of Representatives from 1981-2001, serving on the Judiciary, Banking and Financial Services and Intelligence Committees. He held a number of leadership positions including Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime; Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence; Vice Chairman of the Banking and Financial Services Committee; Ranking Member of the subcommittee overseeing the Federal Reserve; Founder and Chairman of the House Task Force on Terrorism; and served as Vice Chairman of the House Republican Conference for three terms. He was one of 15 Members selected to serve on the House Committee to Investigate the Iran-Contra Affair and was a House Manager for President Clinton's impeachment trial.

Since 2013, Bill has served as Chairman of the Republican State Leadership Committee, a Section 527 organization dedicated to gaining and maintaining Republican control of state legislative bodies across the country and electing

Republican lieutenant governors and secretaries of state.

Bill served on active duty in the US Navy from 1969-1972, and in 1992 retired from the Naval Reserve as a Commander, having served 23 years as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). Prior to his election to Congress he was a litigation partner with the Orlando law firm Pitts, Eubanks & Ross. After retiring from Congress in 2001 until assuming office as Florida Attorney General in 2007 Bill was a partner with Baker & Hostetler, LLP. He was Chairman of Healthy Florida Foundation which in 2003 held a series of five professionally facilitated retreats with over 100 delegates representing a cross section of healthcare stakeholders who analyzed America's health care delivery system, reached consensus and published 14 recommendations for reform. In 2005-2006, he served as a member of the State University System of Florida Board of Governors.

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- American Security Council Foundation - Director
- University of Florida Law Center Association - Member, Board of Trustees
- Republican State Leadership Committee - Chairman, Board of Directors
- Healthy Florida Foundation - Chairman of the board and President
- American Security Council Foundation - Board member
- Kiwanis Club of Orlando - Member
- Enterprise Florida - Board member (2009–2011)
- James Madison Institute - Director (2002–2010)

Presentations

- Panelist, " Regulatory Perspective," Cleaning Out the Corporate Attic: Building a Defensible Disposition Strategy CLE, Chicago, IL, December 10, 2014

Memberships

- Advanced Magnet Lab, Inc. – Director
- Dais Analytic Corporation – Director
- Sun Latin America, S. A. – Director

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Policy and Regulation
- State Attorneys General (United States)

Industry sectors

- Government
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Manufacturing
- Technology

Education

- University of Florida, 1968, JD
- University of Florida, 1965, BA, President, Florida Blue Key; Hall of Fame

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- Florida