

## Government Relations

### Massachusetts

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**Jack Hart**, a partner with Nelson Mullins, focuses on government relations at the state and federal level, business strategy, real estate development, public policy, administrative law, and sports law. Jack is a former assistant majority leader in the Massachusetts Senate, having served the citizens of the Commonwealth from 1997-2013. As a legislative leader with an understanding of the Massachusetts economy, Jack co-authored the 2008 \$1 Billion Life Sciences Initiative, the 2005 Act Promoting Stem Cell Research, and the 1997 legislation to build the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Moreover, he worked with Mayor Thomas

Menino to spearhead the development of Boston's "Innovation District" on the South Boston Waterfront, home to hundreds of cutting-edge businesses. Jack's practice in Massachusetts complements the firm's advocacy practice on the federal level. Through his relationships at all levels of government and his background in economic development issues, Jack is equipped to advocate on behalf of clients to develop and implement successful business strategies.



**Joseph Donovan** is a managing director of the Federal Strategies Team and assists clients in areas such as defense, higher education, and energy. Joe interacts regularly with the New England Congressional delegation as well as state officials in Massachusetts on behalf of his clients. Joe works closely with congressional staff based in Washington and in districts. He previously served as director of communications for the Executive Office of Economic Development in the administration of Governor Mitt Romney and provided counsel to four secretariats and 17 agencies and offices. He focuses on funding and business development efforts for clients and helps identify and secure public and private sector partners for financing

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