

Government Relations

North Carolina



Former Lieutenant Governor **Dennis Wicker** is a partner who practices in the Raleigh office. He also offers significant government relations counsel and knowledge to clients and possesses vast experience in North Carolina government, having served in the executive branch of state government as the state's second highest elected official from 1993-2001, and as a long-time member of the N.C. House of Representatives, being the first person to hold the position of Majority Leader in that Chamber his last two terms. He also has deep ties to the N.C. business community, serving on the boards of directors of Coca-Cola Consolidated, Inc., the country's largest Coke bottler, headquartered in Charlotte, and for First Bancorp, the state's largest community bank. Dennis' extensive contacts in state and local governments and within the business community are an invaluable asset to the Nelson Mullins Government Relations practice.



Partner **George Teague** has focused on lobbying at the North Carolina General Assembly and offices of the executive branch of state government for over 40 years. He also handles administrative and regulatory matters before state government agencies, including the North Carolina Department of Insurance. George is well-known and highly respected in the halls of state government and has been ranked in the Top 50 Most Influential Lobbyists by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.



Dodie Renfer is the senior government relations consultant. She has over 25 years of experience in political and governmental affairs at the federal, state, and local levels. She has led the development, outreach, and fundraising efforts for numerous elected officials, candidates, political organizations, and nonprofits, including U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, Speaker of the House Thom Tillis, Congressman David Rouzer, the NCGOP, the John Locke Foundation, and the E.A. Morris Fellowship for Emerging Leaders. She has extensive experience in monitoring and analyzing state and federal legislative activities, and is well-known for maintaining bipartisan relationships with policymakers. Dodie earned her master's degree in Political Management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership. As part of the N.C. Government Relations team, Dodie consults on legislative, regulatory, and policy matters.