



## **Government Relations Announcement**

Carlile Patchen & Murphy is pleased to announce the formation of CPM Government Relations Ltd., which will make available valuable non-legal advice, counseling, representation and insight into the Ohio legislative and regulatory arenas through Dennis Stapleton, Director of Government Relations.

Today's business environment makes the value of an experienced advocate paramount to shaping dialog with legislators and dealing with complex regulatory issues. Business owners are not always aware of what is being or will be considered by the Ohio legislature. CPM Government Relations alerts clients to new issues that may affect them or their businesses, so they can decide at what level they would like to take action or become involved in the debate.

Dennis's experience as a former member of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Office of the Ohio Consumer's Counsel enables him to clear the path at the statehouse to accomplish organizational objectives, comply with regulations or implement policy changes for businesses, associations, organizations and government entities.

Dennis spent the past four years in governmental affairs with the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, after serving from 1996-2003 in the Ohio House. He also served as Assistant Director for the Ohio Department of Insurance, Chairman for the Ohio House Insurance Committee, Finance Sub-Committee Chair for Agriculture & Development and Vice-Chair of the Financial Institutions Committee. His private sector experience includes 25 years of insurance and investment management work with Fortune 500 companies and small businesses. While this experience gives Dennis broad abilities to deal with any government relations issues, he has unique expertise in insurance, utilities, finance and healthcare.

In looking ahead to new and ever-changing laws and regulations, clients of CPM Government Relations, Ltd. can benefit from this government relations expertise and services to stay ahead of evolving issues affecting their businesses. These services include:

- Legislative and regulatory review and analysis
- Establishing coalitions on common issues and fostering grassroots effort
- Advocating our clients' positions with legislative and executive agency members, including appropriate regulatory bodies
- Preparing key testimony for committee presentation
- Coaching and preparation/training for committee involvement
- Educating legislative members about our clients' businesses.

For more information, please contact Dennis at (614) 628-0857 or (614) 256-0831.