

Congressman Mike McIntyre Joins Ward and Smith

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With close to 40 years of legal and business experience and nearly 20 years as a public servant, Ward and Smith is honored to announce that former U.S.

Congressman Mike McIntyre has joined the firm. Mike will serve as the Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Economic Development.

"Mike has a proven track record of fighting for North Carolina residents," stated Brad Evans, Ward and Smith's Co-Managing Director. "We're very fortunate to have someone with his level of experience now advocating on our clients' behalf."

Mike was first elected to represent North Carolina's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996. He spent nine consecutive terms developing and supporting policies promoting economic development and business opportunities in our state, especially in coastal communities, rural areas, small towns, and military communities. Mike also served as the No. 2 ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee and was the No. 3 ranking member of the Armed Services Committee.

Jamie Norment, the firm's Government Relations Practice Group Leader, welcomed the new addition.

"I've known Mike for decades. His dedication, commitment, and extensive knowledge of local, state, and federal issues are unparalleled." Jamie continued, "The caliber of our Government Relations team was extensive before. With Mike joining the team, our capacity to represent clients in and out of North Carolina is bar none."

Mike's multifaceted legal practice encompasses business, agribusiness, energy, environmental, real estate, and sports and entertainment. He also has extensive knowledge of complex coastal resource management, beach renourishment, and economic development matters. Being well-versed in the political process also

gives Mike a unique perspective to help and advise clients.

"My whole career has been dedicated to building a stronger North Carolina," Mike remarked. "I'm thrilled to be part of a firm that shares this steadfast belief, and I look forward to continuing efforts to bring more opportunities for business growth and development to our clients and surrounding communities."

Mike's practice will be based in the firm's Raleigh office and will include work on behalf of clients in Washington, D.C. and across the state.

Ward and Smith's Government Relations team is comprised of attorneys, lobbyists, and professionals, including Whitney Campbell Christensen, Hugh Overholt, Jamie Norment, Jonathan Brooks, and Leslie Young.

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