

Arent Fox Adds Senior Government Relations Director Oliver Spurgeon III

Arent Fox LLP announced the expansion of its Government Relations group with the addition of Senior Government Relations Director Oliver Spurgeon III.

Spurgeon joins the firm's Washington, DC office.

Prior to joining Arent Fox, Spurgeon was the deputy director of federal affairs at the National Association of Community Health Centers. At NACHC, Spurgeon advised the c-suite, board of directors, and 11,000 health centers on strategy, policy analysis, and advocacy issues to help secure \$7.9 billion in federal funding that reached 28 million people, the firm said in a release.

Before joining NACHC, Spurgeon was the manager of government affairs at the National Recreation and Park Association. In that role, he also supported the c-suite and board of directors in executing an \$18 million budget to serve 50,000 members, evaluated federal and state health care regulations and legislation, and led NRPA in finding solutions to reduce hunger and improve health, the firm said.

Prior to his association lobbying experiences, Spurgeon served for five years on the Washington, DC staff of Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA), where he covered health policy, tax, education, and other issues. He spent two years in the congressman's Atlanta-area office, where he was the liaison to municipal governments, colleges and universities, the business community, and other stakeholders.

Spurgeon serves on the board of directors and human resources committee for the United Planning Organization, the board of

directors and as acting treasurer for the DC Strings Workshop, the board of directors and as acting secretary for the Historic Anacostia Block Association, and executive committee member and acting legislative committee chairman for the Ward 8 Democratic Party. He earned his MBA from Howard University and his BA in International Studies from Georgia Southern University.