

Veteran Government Affairs Attorney Jim Perras Joins Wilson Elser

National law firm **Wilson Elser** announces that **Jim Perras** has joined the firm's Hartford, CT, office as of counsel.

Perras joins Wilson Elser with more than 18 years of experience working at high levels in the legislative and executive branches in the Connecticut state government.

Perras has advised top legislative leaders and commissioners, first as a senior executive adviser to a former president *pro tempore* of the Senate and most recently as a legislative and administrative adviser to the commissioner of the Insurance Department. He has worked closely with industry experts, associations, consumer advocacy groups and others to promote the successful passage of transformative insurance legislation.

"Jim is a welcome addition to our growing Government Affairs and Insurance Regulatory practices in Connecticut," said Brian Del Gatto, regional managing partner of the Connecticut offices. "His keen ability to help our clients achieve their goals by understanding their businesses, the legislative process and key players in Connecticut politics, make him a tremendous asset to the firm and to the organizations we serve."

Perras served on the House of Delegates for the Connecticut Bar Association and as a board member of the Town of Manchester Redevelopment Agency.

Perras earned his J.D. degree from Western New England School of Law (2010) and a B.A. degree from the University of Connecticut (1997).

