

William J. Palatucci Joins McCarter & English

Newark, New Jersey, August 26, 2020 – William J. Palatucci, one of New Jersey's most prominent and widely respected attorneys, is joining McCarter & English LLP as a partner in the firm's Business Litigation Practice, effective August 31, where he will also be supporting the firm's rapidly expanding Government Affairs Practice. Since working for Gov. Tom Kean in 1985 and later as a law partner with Gov. Chris Christie, Palatucci has developed a well-earned reputation for his strategic advice and pragmatic approaches to complex legal, public policy and governmental initiatives.

McCarter's Managing Partner Joe Boccassini said, "We are honored to welcome Bill to our team. His extensive experience with legal and public policy issues that affect both private and public sector clients is unparalleled. Our national base of clients will greatly benefit from his knowledge of how major public policy decisions may impact their businesses."

Palatucci's legal experience is wide and diverse. He served as General Counsel to the Trump Transition Committee from June 2016 through the election in November 2016; he served as General Counsel to Governor Chris Christie's presidential campaign, and in the private sector served as General Counsel to Community Education Centers in Roseland, New Jersey. Prior to joining McCarter, Palatucci spent almost eight years at Gibbons, P.C. in the firm's Corporate Practice, where he handled a variety of issues for clients in a wide range of industries, often focusing on the regulatory aspects of transactions, land use matters or state licensing requirements.

Palatucci serves as the Republican National Committeeman for New Jersey, a position he has held since 2010. In addition to

his work for Governor Kean, for the past nearly 40 years, he has been closely involved in many significant federal and state elections, with leadership roles in the campaigns of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump, and served as Chairman of Governor Chris Christie's re-election campaign in 2013.

In addition to his legal and political experience, Palatucci currently serves as a member of the Seton Hall University School of Law Board of Visitors, the National Advisory Board for the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University, and is Chair of the University of Phoenix Board of Trustees for its Jersey City, NJ, campus. Palatucci is on the Board of Trustees of Turning Point, Inc., a nonprofit drug and alcohol addiction treatment center that assists more than 3,500 New Jersey residents each year.

Palatucci has been recognized by NJBIZ on its "Law Power 50" and "100 Most Powerful People in New Jersey Business" lists as well as by ROI-NJ on its "Influencers Power List." Palatucci earned his B.A. from Rutgers University-New Brunswick and his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law.

In 2014, Palatucci was presented with the Seton Hall University School of Law's Distinguished Graduate Award. In 2014, he and Senator Cory Booker were honored with the annual "Good Guy Award" from the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey.