

Cozen O'Connor Expands State Attorneys General Practice with Addition of Former Virginia State Attorney General Jerry Kilgore

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Washington, D.C., Feb. 27, 2017 — Cozen O'Connor is pleased to announce that **Jerry Kilgore** has joined the firm's State Attorneys General (AG) Practice as a member. Kilgore previously served as Virginia attorney general and Virginia secretary of public safety. Kilgore's leadership and experience will further elevate Cozen O'Connor's nationally recognized AG Practice, which has extensive experience successfully representing some of the largest and well-known companies facing high-profile investigations and litigation involving AGs in all 50 states. Kilgore will join a deep bench of talent that includes attorneys with decades of experience having served in senior level positions in AG offices, federal agencies, and fortune 500 companies. *Chambers USA* has recognized Cozen O'Connor's AG Practice as having the leading AG practitioner in the country and as "very creative and results-oriented." Kilgore will be located in Cozen O'Connor's Washington, D.C. office.

Bernard Nash and Lori Kalani, co-chairs of Cozen O'Connor's AG Practice, are humbled to have such an accomplished attorney of Kilgore's stature join their experienced team. "Jerry has earned bipartisan respect within the AG community," said Kalani. "He has a deep understanding of the important government investigations and regulatory matters that impact our client's businesses and how those issues intersect with attorneys general across the country."

"As a former attorney general, Jerry's unique insight and hands-on perspective will prove invaluable to our clients seeking solutions to their most critical legal and policy issues," said Nash.

Kilgore's national AG practice focuses on representing clients involved in high-profile individual and multistate AG investigations and litigation, as well as counseling clients on AG trends, best practices, and compliance issues.

"Cozen O'Connor has the pre-eminent state attorneys general practice in the country, and their lawyers have a reputation of providing exceptional lawyering and boutique-quality personal service," said Kilgore. "I am honored to be joining a firm of Cozen O'Connor's caliber and entrepreneurial spirit."

Kilgore currently serves as finance chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, and previously served as chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association. While he was attorney general of Virginia, he also served on the executive committee of the National Association of Attorneys General. Kilgore has been honored with numerous accolades, including being named among *The Best Lawyers in America*. He received his J.D. from William & Mary Law School and his B.A. with honors from the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

For the past year and a half, Cozen O'Connor's Washington, D.C., office has been growing its practice offerings and now has the leading State Attorneys General Practice in the nation. With more than 60 lawyers and government relations professionals, the firm moved its Washington, D.C., office to a new space in 2015 to accommodate its rapid growth. Last year, Cozen O'Connor's revenue increased by 10 percent, and that boost is due in part to the especially active Washington, D.C., market.

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