

Bill Caruso, Former NJ Assembly & Congressional Executive, Joins Archer's Government Affairs Practice

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Bill Caruso, formerly Executive Director of the New Jersey Assembly Majority Office and Chief of Staff for Congressman Rob Andrews, has joined Archer P.C., one of New Jersey's largest law firms, where he will concentrate on governmental and regulatory affairs.

Mr. Caruso, who holds a law degree from Rutgers University School of Law–Camden, will be a key member of Archer's Government Affairs Group, which helps clients achieve business and policy objectives through strategic planning and advocacy.

Mr. Caruso served nearly five years as the lead executive at the Assembly Majority Office in Trenton before leaving the post in July. He was responsible for developing and implementing the Assembly's policy agenda, and, as top aide to the Speaker, served as lead staff negotiator on all policy matters and as liaison to the Governor's office, Senate and state departments. He was responsible for daily management of approximately 30 policy research professionals and communications and administrative staff. During his tenure, Mr. Caruso helped shepherd through numerous pieces of landmark legislation, including pension and health benefits reform.

Prior to taking the Assembly post, Mr. Caruso served for more than 11 years as Chief of Staff for U.S. Rep. Andrews, a Camden County Democrat. In that position, Mr. Caruso had responsibility for overseeing all aspects of the Congressman's policy and public relations agenda, with specialization in economic development, education and defense policy. He was responsible for daily management of approximately 20 policy research professionals and communications and administrative staff in offices in New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Caruso also served 11 years as Congressman Andrews' Campaign Manager.

"Bill Caruso's experience in Trenton and Washington gives him in-depth knowledge of people, policy and protocol that will greatly benefit our clients," said Christopher R. Gibson, President of Archer. "In his positions with the New Jersey Assembly and Congressman Andrews, Bill has worked closely and successfully with public

officials, the business community and citizens from all walks of life throughout the state and region, on a host of important issues at all levels of government – local, county, state and federal. He has earned an excellent reputation for his ability to get results."

"Bill is an integral part of the ongoing expansion of our government affairs capabilities," said James H. Carll, the firm's Chairman. "Bill has a long history in the State of New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Through his experience, he has developed contacts around the country and unique insight into the governmental process."

"I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve as top adviser to a U.S. Congressman and the majority party of a state legislative body in a state as diverse and dynamic as New Jersey," Mr. Caruso said. "The range of issues encountered in such positions is virtually unlimited, and meeting new challenges every day has been incredibly rewarding. It has been inspiring to interact and collaborate with so many people, including government officials at all levels and also concerned citizens, from corporate CEOs to families struggling to afford health care, from the White House to the house down the street.

"I also feel fortunate to have the opportunity to use these experiences and relationships in this next phase of my career, to help our clients advance their points of view and achieve their objectives."

Mr. Caruso served as Democratic legal and public relations advisor to the 2011 New Jersey Apportionment Commission, which was tasked with redrawing the lines of the state's 40 legislative districts following the 2010 census. He has twice been named by PolitickerNJ.com to the political news site's Power List of New Jersey's most influential political and policy players.

Mr. Caruso earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Government from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., and his Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law–Camden. He lives in Berlin Borough, Camden County, with his wife, Amanda, and their three sons.

Archer's Government Affairs Practice Group provides full-service government and regulatory affairs advice and advocacy. The Group helps clients achieve business objectives by crafting strategic plans and advocating at all levels of government.

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