

# **COMPANY BIOS**

### ANDERSON LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING, LTD.

...is a full-time Springfield-based registered lobbying firm in the State of Illinois, founded in 1991 by the late William J. Anderson. Our firm has a long history of success in the Illinois General Assembly. Our primary focus is local government legislative issues.

We have effectively lobbied on a variety of issues, including - but not limited to: local government, healthcare, Medicaid managed care, fintech, K-12 education, insurance, public safety pension, public utilities and environmental. Over the years we have developed a strong relationship with both Chambers and on both sides of the aisle. Today, our consulting firm is owned and operated by Letitia Dewith-Anderson, wife of William J. Anderson. Our son, Taylor K. Anderson, and daughter, Allison F. Richard, are sub-contract lobbyists for the firm. We are a family-run company.

# LETITIA DEWITH-ANDERSON

...has more than three decades of experience working with the General Assembly, beginning her career on the legislative staff of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives and serving in a variety of legislative positions. She extensive firsthand local government experience, having served as Chief of Staff for the City of Springfield. Her duties as legislative staff included analyzing the budget of 10 state agencies (while staffing two legislative committees and authoring legislation). Letitia served two Illinois Attorney Generals in the legislative affairs division, serving as Deputy Director.

Letitia has long served as a contract lobbyist, earning business partnerships with various corporate entities, local governments and associations. She served as the first Advisor to the Illinois Conference of Women Legislators and as Regional Director-External Affairs at Humana, Inc. For Humana, Letitia oversaw the legislative, regulatory and political arena in 10 states. For three years, she served as Chair of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce-Legislative Committee and member of its Healthcare Counsel.

Letitia is a member of the Illinois Secretary of State Lobbyist Advisory Committee, the House Democrat Women Mentorship Program and Co-Founder of the Illinois General Assembly Charity Basketball Game. She has a Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Spelman College and an Associate of Arts degree from Springfield College in Illinois.

### TAYLOR K. ANDERSON

...has an extensive history in government relations. He is the primary negotiator on local government legislative issues, for Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd.. He has served as a subject matter expert and lead negotiator for over a decade, earning the respect of legislators on both sides of the aisle. He has experience working with a variety of clients, lobbying on a large range of complex legislative issues. Issues include, but are not limited to, public safety pension reform, K-12 education, health care, environmental and energy, workers' compensation, township consolidation, and financial institutions. Taylor has experience in legislative strategy development.



Taylor began his lobbying career with Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. in 2008, as a sub-contractor. He is the President of Taylor K. Anderson, consulting firm lobbying on behalf of various lobbying entities.

Prior to opening his own consulting firm and working with Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. he received Illinois' prestigious James H. Dunn Jr. Memorial Fellowship where he worked in the Governor's legislative affairs division. He served in several liaison positions for a variety of government agencies. As a Dunn fellow, Taylor helped design and author a website used to train and assist state agency liaisons on how to track bills. During his time there he worked closely with state agency heads and members of the Illinois Senate.

Taylor's extensive statehouse experience also includes internships in the Governor's office of legislative affairs and with Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, serving on the Revenue Committee. In addition, he interned as a legislative liaison with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, handling both state and federal issues, and in the office of Secretary of State Jesse White as Assistant to the Deputy Director of Physical Services. Taylor also worked with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce government affairs division analyzing voter precincts and researched and authored Chamber position papers. Furthermore, his experience includes work with the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners, organizing seminars for county officials and authoring various county newsletters and magazines.

Since 2008, Taylor has traveled across the state to take part in speaking engagements to educate local government officials on the processes of state government. Moreover, he regularly serves as lead negotiator on a host of legislative issues including; educational, energy, environmental, labor relations, pensions, property taxes, telecommunications, and zoning. In addition, Taylor often contributes publications on the legislative process and issues.

Taylor attended Morehouse College before graduating from Pomona College with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics. He is Co-Founder of the Illinois General Assembly Charity Basketball Game.

# ALLISON F. RICHARD

... has legal and legislative experience. She is a licensed attorney in the State of Illinois and owns a consulting firm. She has worked with Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. for over 10 years, and currently serves as one of their sub-contract lobbyist.

Prior to joining Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. as a sub-contractor, Allison served as an associate attorney, in Illinois' oldest law firm, Brown Hay + Stephens, LLP. BHS is a full-service defense firm located in Springfield, Illinois. Currently, She is President of Allison Richard legislative consulting firm. She is a registered lobbyist in the State of Illinois and on the Federal level where I actively lobby on behalf of my clients.

As an attorney, Allison practiced in several areas of law, including but not limited to, civil litigation, business transactions, real estate, estate planning, family law, administrative law, environmental law, election law, education and school law, employment law, medical malpractice and criminal matters. She worked with the firm's partners in legal defense of larger organizations with complex legal matters; specifically, medical malpractice defense for hospitals and physician groups. In addition to her legal work,



as an attorney, Allison presented as a guest speaker at various legal events and acted as a registered lobbyist for the firm on behalf of its clients.

Before her legal career, Allison gained legislative experience as an office manager with Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. for five (5) years. During this time, she filed expenditure filing reports, entity registration for the firm's clients, and developed various white pages for client issues. She has additional legislative work experience with the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners, where she created a forum for county board members and organized seminars for county officials as well as interacted with board members regarding priority legislative issues.

In 2018, Allison started her own legislative consulting firm, Allison F Richard Consulting. As a contract lobbyist, she has experience working with a variety of clients, lobbying on a large range of complex legislative issues. Issues include, but are not limited to, public safety pension reform, K-12 education, health care, pipeline manufacturing, public utilities, workers' compensation, township consolidation, adult-use cannabis and financial institutions. In her capacity as a contract lobbyist, she participates in legislative strategy development, legislative negotiations, as well as presents at legislative speaking engagements and/or webinars on behalf of clients. She has actively participated in various legislative negotiations, including juvenile justice reform and pipeline safety. She works with the Illinois House of Representatives, the Senate, the Office of the Governor, and various State Agencies.

She received her Juris Doctorate degree from Washington University School of Law - St. Louis and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law & Society from Oberlin College. She is an active member of the Illinois House of Representatives Democrat Women Leader Mentorship and a Founding Board Member of the People for Women's Empowerment PAC.