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Mr. Dyke is a Partner in the law firm of McGuireWoods LLP. His broad practice covers legislative, education, and governmental relations. He previously served as Virginia's Secretary of Education under former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, and as Domestic Policy Advisor to former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Mr. Dyke has established a significant regional presence in the business, education and government arenas. He is well respected for his experience in working with all components of the community and with both political parties, having been appointed to numerous important positions by Democrats and Republicans. He has established a network of contacts that assist him in handling complex and sensitive matters throughout Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. His network includes numerous local, state and federal officials, educators and business leaders, especially in the Washington region.

He is an active leader in the Northern Virginia business community having served as chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Northern Virginia Business Roundtable; President of the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation; and chairman of the Emerging Business Forum, an organization focused on enhancing minority and women entrepreneurs' businesses.

He served as Chairman of the Greater Washington Board of Trade for 2010. The Board of Trade is the largest regional business organization in the Washington, D.C. area, advocating for the business community in Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland. During his term, he was Co-Chair of the Joint WMATA Governance Review Task Force.

He is a member of the Board of Directors for Washington Gas Holding where he serves on the Governance and Human Resources Committees as well as the Governor's appointee to the Board of Directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA/Metro) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

He was included in *Washingtonian* magazine's list of "150 Most Powerful People" in the Washington region. He was a finalist for the Washington Business Journal's "Top Washington Lawyer in State and Local Lobbying." He was named by Washington Business Journal as the "Best Networker" in the region and as a Minority Business Leader Honoree. He also won the J. Michael Brown award from DuPont for his accomplishments in diversity, recruiting and mentoring in the legal profession. In addition, he has received numerous awards and certificates related to education, transportation, government and community service.

He has served or is serving on various commissions and committees including: the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV); the Commission on Virginia's State and Local Tax Structure for the 21st Century; the Board of Directors of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce; the Governor's Commission on Economic Development and Job Creation (VA); the Governor's Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting (VA); the Richmond Mayor's Task Force on Efficiency and Excellence for the Richmond Public Schools as its Co-Chair; the Prince George's County Management Oversight Panel as Senior Consultant; as a member of Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker's Transition Committee, and the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia as a member and its chairman. He is a frequent speaker on educational, political, and legal issues and has written numerous op ed articles for a range of media outlets and been quoted or mentioned in countless articles and appeared on numerous radio and television programs addressing regional and national issues.

### **Practices & Industries**

- Government Affairs
- Public Finance
- Education
- Political Law

### **Previous Experience**

- Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia, 1990-1993
- Domestic Policy Advisor to U.S. Vice President Walter F. Mondale, 1977-1981
- Partner, Sidley & Austin, 1981-1987

- Partner, Hunton & Williams, 1987-1990
- Adjunct Professor, University of Virginia Law School, 1976-1990
- Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law, 1974-1976
- Law Clerk, the Hon. Spottswood W. Robinson III, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 1971-1972

### **Classes Taught**

- Legal Writing and Business Units, Howard University School of Law, 1974-1976
- Elected School Boards, Virginia Municipal League, November 1993
- College Desegregation (Fordice), National Organization of Legal Problems in Education, November 1994
- Legal Issues in Student Conduct, Virginia Association of Secondary Principals, June 1996
- School Safety Issues, Virginia Association of School Superintendents, 1999
- Government, Politics and the Law, University of Virginia Law School, 1976-1990

### **Speaking Engagements**

- Mr. Dyke has made hundreds of speeches nationally and locally on education, business, government and political issues, and has appeared on numerous television and radio programs and news interviews. He has also been quoted extensively in a wide range of newspapers.

### **Directorships and Appointments**

- Appointed to Serve on Higher Education Transition Group by Governor-elect Martin O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor-elect Anthony Brown of Maryland
- Corporate Board of Directors, Washington Gas Light Company, 2003-Present
- Member, Board of Directors, Agnes and Eugene Meyer Foundation
- Corporate Board of Directors, American Type Culture Collection, 2004-2006
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, University of District of Columbia, 2004-2009
- Member, Board of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

- Member, Board of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- Member, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Greater Washington Board of Trade
- Member, Governor Bob McDonnell's Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting, 2011
- Member, Governor Bob McDonnell's Commission on Economic Development and Job Creation, 2010
- Chairman, Board of Directors of the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology, 1992-1994
- Member, Board of Directors, Maryland Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Legislative Committee of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (invitation only)
- Member, Virginia State Board of Education, 1985-1990
- Member, State Council on Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV), 2004-2012
- Chairman, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, 1999-2000
- Chairman, Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, 2000-2002
- Chair, Northern Virginia Business Roundtable, 2001-2004
- Member, Commission to Study Virginia's State and Local Tax Structure for the 21st Century
- Virginia Commission on Educational Infrastructure, 1996-2000
- Member, Commission on Virginia Higher Education in the 21st Century
- Southern Education Foundation, Chair, Panel on Desegregation in Higher Education, 1994-2004
- Virginia's Lay Member, Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2001-2003
- Chairman, Metropolitan Council of Chambers of Commerce, 1999-2000
- Member, Governor Gilmore's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education, 1998-2000
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Joint Commission on Technology and Science
  - Advisory Committee on the Year 2000
  - Advisory Committee on Technology-Based Economic Growth in Virginia
- Advisory Board Member, George Washington University Virginia Campus
- Arts Council of Fairfax

- Bond Counsel, District of Columbia, 1982-1990
- Former Chairman of the District of Columbia Retirement Board
- Former Chairman, Compensation Board, Commonwealth of Virginia

**EDUCATION**

Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C., J.D., *cum laude*, 1971 (graduated first in class)

- Editor in Chief, *Howard Law Journal*

Howard University, Washington, D.C., B.A., 1968

Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Richmond, 1993

Honorary Doctor of Laws, Virginia State University, 1991

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, St. Paul's College, 1990

Honorary Doctor of Laws, Randolph Macon College, 2009

Honorary Associate of Humane Letters, Northern Virginia Community College, 2008

**ADMITTED**

District of Columbia 1972

Virginia 1991

U.S. Supreme Court

**PLACE OF BIRTH**

Washington, D.C.