

Stone joins Plunkett Cooney's Government Relations Practice Group

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William (Bill) R. Stone, former Policy Director of the Michigan House of Representatives and General Counsel to the state's Senate, recently joined Plunkett Cooney as a senior attorney in the firm's Government Relations, Public Policy and Regulatory Practice Group.

Stone has extensive experience in public and private practice. His public service includes several roles in both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives and serving as general counsel to city of Detroit Mayor Michael Duggan's office. In addition to advising and representing government officials and institutions in a variety of legal matters, he gained valuable experience throughout his political career by drafting major legislation, prioritizing significant policies and proposing legislation on bills.

Prior to joining the firm, he worked as in-house counsel for the nation's largest mortgage lender, where he managed the company's litigation, including class actions, employment liability and intellectual property cases, led the company's response to federal regulatory investigations, negotiated contracts with vendors and managed the company's trademarks.

Stone received his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2009. He received his undergraduate degree, with high honors, from Michigan State University James Madison College in 2005.

Plunkett Cooney's Government Relations, Public Policy and Regulatory Practice Group provides numerous services, including policy development, strategic collaboration, coalition and relationship building, legislation monitoring and bill tracking. The firm works with clients from across a spectrum of industries to develop creative and proactive solutions designed to meet the challenges of dealing with local, county and state government.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is one of the Midwest's oldest and most accomplished law firms and is a leading provider of business and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs attorneys in seven Michigan cities, Chicago, Illinois; Columbus, Ohio; and



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