



Dr. James G. Martin

Chairman and Director



James G. Martin is a Senior Advisor, State and Federal Government Relations, McGuire Woods Consulting LLC in Charlotte, a position he accepted following one of the most successful political careers in the history of North Carolina.

After earning a B.S. degree in chemistry from Davidson College and a Ph.D. from Princeton University, Dr. Martin was teaching chemistry at Davidson when he ran successfully for the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners in 1966. He served three terms as commissioner, including one as chairman, and in 1972 was elected to the first of six consecutive terms in Congress, representing North Carolina's 9th District. In 1984, he became only the second Republican elected governor of North Carolina in the 20th century. His reelection in 1988 made him the only Republican to serve two terms as North Carolina's governor.

As a county commissioner, Dr. Martin championed the adoption of land use zoning, the creation of a local environmental management organization, and multi-county regional cooperation. He was a founder and the first chairman of the Centralina Council of Governments and vice president of the National Association of Regional Councils. He was president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, 1970-1971. In Congress, he served on the House Ways and Means Committee and chaired the House Republican Research Committee.

He is a former president of the Council of State Governments, former chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, former chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board and a former member of the UNC-Board of Governors. He currently chairs the Global TransPark Foundation Inc., serves as a Davidson College trustee, is a member of the North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research and a director of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. He has served on the boards of several corporations, including Duke Energy, Family Dollar Stores, aaiPharma, and Palomar Medical Technologies.

Dr. Martin holds four patents in the chemistry of butyl rubber vulcanization. In 1983, he became the first elected official to receive the American Chemical Society's Charles Lathrop Parsons Award for outstanding public service by an American chemist.