

William H. Leighty

Until September of 2007 Bill served as Chief of Staff to Governors Kaine and Warner of Virginia. As Chief of Staff, Bill essentially served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Commonwealth.

In 2005 and again in 2007, *Governing* Magazine named Virginia the “Best Managed State in the Nation.” In 2007, *Governing* Magazine named him one of the nine “Public Officials of the Year. A national recognition. ” In 2022, The American Society for Public Administration, jointly with the National Academy of Public Administration presented Bill with the National Public Service Award for his lifelong commitment to innovation in public service.

Bill joined state government after serving in the United States Marine Corps. Bill graduated from Mary Washington College in 1978 and holds an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University.