

# 2023 VIRGINIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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### *Speaker Biographies*



**Barry DuVal**  
President & CEO  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Barry DuVal was named president and CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2010.

Under his leadership, the Chamber has become Virginia's largest business advocacy group, growing from 847 members in 2010 to more than 26,000 members today. In 2013, the Chamber produced Blueprint Virginia – the Commonwealth's first comprehensive business-led initiative to provide direction and long-term economic development planning for Virginia. In 2017, the Chamber released an update to the original Blueprint, Blueprint Virginia 2025, which engaged over 6,000 business and community leaders from around the Commonwealth to build an action plan for strengthening Virginia's economic competitiveness and getting Virginia back to the top of business climate rankings.

Barry's public service began in 1988 when he was elected to the Newport News City Council. In 1990 he was elected mayor of the city. He served as mayor from 1990 through 1996, when he stepped down to become the president and CEO of a regional economic development organization representing Southeast Virginia's 1.6 million citizens.

From 1998 through 2002 Barry served as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia. During his term as Secretary, Virginia attracted a record-setting 1,500 economic development projects representing 156,850 new jobs and \$13.7 billion in private investment.

His private sector experience includes serving as president and CEO of DuVal Associates, Inc., a diversified real estate firm, from 1983-1996. Upon the completion of his term as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, he served as president and CEO of Kaufman & Canoles Consulting, LLC, an economic development consulting firm specializing in public-private partnerships and strategic planning for business and government agencies.

Barry holds a Master of Legal Studies (MLS) degree from American University Washington College of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University.



## **Lakshmi Williams**

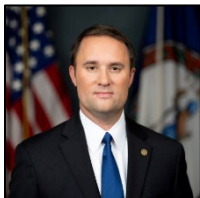
**General Counsel, Transurban North America and  
Chair, Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

As General Counsel, North America, Lakshmi has responsibility for managing all legal work related to Transurban's operating assets, development efforts and Mergers & Acquisitions. In addition, she oversees the governance, risk and compliance functions for the North American business and has responsibility for all litigation. Lakshmi plays a key role in structuring, negotiating, and financing new projects from project inception, proposal development and financing through delivery, launch and operations. She supervises all aspects of IP portfolio and strategy as well as streamlining U.S. and Canadian corporate legal entities to optimize tax outcomes and support future development efforts. She has managerial and Board responsibilities for Transurban's North American assets.

Lakshmi has served in a number of advisory positions including her role on various Boards of Directors, including representing Transurban's interests in Bluedot - a technology company enabling geofencing for the GoToll mobile tolling app. She also serves as First Chair on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded "Top Corporate Counsel, Washington, DC" and named a "Leader Among Us" by the Asian Pacific Bar association. She has been a guest lecturer at a variety of law schools and the Virginia Bar Association and is a frequent presenter at industry forums.

Lakshmi brings extensive experience to the role gained in a legal career that spans over 25 years. Prior to joining Transurban in 2012, she worked as Deputy General Counsel at GridPoint, an energy tech company, as well as Deputy Counsel at MicroStrategy, a public software company. Prior to going in-house, Lakshmi practiced as a corporate and securities associate at a few large Washington, D.C. law firms, including Hogan Lovells (formerly Hogan & Hartson).

Lakshmi received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Economics and English Literature from Rice University. She also received a Certificate in Executive Management and Leadership from the MIT Sloan School of Management. She is admitted to the D.C. and Texas bar and admitted as corporate counsel in Virginia.



## **The Honorable Jason Miyares**

**Attorney General of Virginia**

Attorney General Jason Miyares' story doesn't start in Virginia, but in Havana, Cuba when his mother, Miriam Miyares, fled communist Cuba, penniless and homeless. She immigrated to Virginia and raised Jason to appreciate freedom, fairness, and justice for all. A product of Virginia public schools, Jason graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration from James Madison University and received his J.D. from the College of William and Mary School of Law.

He previously served as a prosecutor in the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Office, where he worked alongside law enforcement to the community safe.

In 2015, almost fifty years to the day that she fled Cuba, Miriam was able to vote for her son Jason Miyares to represent her in the Virginia House of Delegates. After serving for three terms in the state legislature, he ran and was elected the 48th Attorney General of Virginia.

Jason Miyares is the first Hispanic American to be elected to a statewide office in Virginia, and the first child of an immigrant to be Attorney General.



**Woody Fowler**  
**President & CEO**  
**Williams Mullen**

Woody Fowler serves as chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Williams Mullen, in addition to being a respected litigator. For businesses involved in legal disputes, Woody assists with complex commercial litigation, banking and financial services litigation, education litigation, consumer class actions, health care litigation, business torts, products liability and insurance coverage disputes. For clients looking for alternatives to the courtroom, he is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution and serves as an arbitrator and mediator.



**Manmeet Bhatia**  
**President & CEO**  
**TMEIC Corporation Americas**

Manmeet S Bhatia holds the position of President and CEO of TMEIC Corporation Americas (f/k/a TMEIC Corporation), a USA based subsidiary of TMEIC. Mr. Bhatia has been with TMEIC since its inception in 2003. Immediately preceding his being named President and CEO in 2021, beginning in 2019, Mr. Bhatia served as the company COO.

In addition, from 2010 to 2019, Mr. Bhatia served as the General Manager for the Global Drives Business Unit at TMEIC Corporation. In this role, Mr. Bhatia led business unit operations and held complete fiscal responsibility for orders, sales, and earnings of TMEIC's MV motors and drives business in the Americas.

From 2003 to 2010, Mr. Bhatia served as General Manager of Operations for TMEIC Corporation. Mr. Bhatia's tenure with TMEIC Corporation has focused on bolstering TMEIC's global presence through several concurrent leadership positions that include Managing Director of TMEIC Europe Limited in 2007, where he led the establishment and expansion of sales and engineering branch offices in Italy, Germany, and Poland; serving as Director on Board of TMEIC Industrial Systems India Private Limited from 2010 to 2013, where he guided the establishment and growth of TMEIC's operations in India; and serving as the Co-Leader for TMEIC's Global General Industries Business Unit.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Bhatia held various engineering and commercial leadership positions in North America, Europe, and Asia at General Electric Company (GE)'s Industrial Drives and Control System Business. Mr. Bhatia holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Electronics and Communications. He is a resident of Roanoke, VA and serves on the board of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.



**Mike Daniels**  
Chairman  
CACI International Inc.

Mike Daniels is a recognized leader in the global information technology industry. For 5 decades he has specialized in growing and building highly successful technology companies. He has been directly involved in numerous mergers and acquisitions, financing, international business transactions and creating significant shareholder value.

He is the former Chairman and CEO of Network Solutions, former Chairman and CEO of Mobile365, former Senior Vice President of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and former Chairman of the Logistics Management Institute (LMI).

He is a former Chairman of the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) and a former Chairman of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

He has served with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, as a senior White House advisor on international technology and as a senior advisor to the National Security Council.



**Jennifer Montague**  
President & COO  
Columbia Gas of Virginia

Jennifer Montague serves as President and Chief Operating Officer for Columbia Gas of Virginia, a NiSource subsidiary. She has profit and loss responsibility as well as oversight of operations, risk management, regulatory, legislative and external affairs for the company. Her focus is on delivering safe, reliable and efficient natural gas service for nearly 290,000 residential, industrial and commercial customers in 91 communities across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Previously she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at NiSource as well as Vice President of Communications and External Affairs at Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), NiSource's natural gas and electric utility in Indiana.

Montague has three decades of experience in the energy industry in customer operations, branding, communications and marketing. Prior to joining NiSource, she served as Director of Strategy and Technology for Commonwealth Edison Company, and prior to that, she served in roles of increasing responsibility for British Petroleum/Amoco in the United Kingdom and United States.



**Jennifer Wold**  
**Managing Partner – Virginia**  
**FORVIS**

As managing partner of FORVIS' Virginia practice unit, she is responsible for the operations and support of more than 75 partners, client service staff and administrative personnel who serve thousands of businesses and individual clients.

Additionally, Jennifer is a member of FORVIS' National Commercial Products and Construction & Real Estate Groups providing audit services to mid-size and large privately held businesses. Her 30 years of audit and accounting experience includes assisting companies with issues related to mergers and acquisitions, including purchase accounting and related valuations, fair value accounting and impairment issues. In addition, Jennifer has experience with forecasting, preparation of financial statements, internal control assessments, operational reviews, and reviews of accounting systems. She routinely meets with management, boards, and audit committees to discuss technical accounting issues and the effects of financial accounting decisions.

Jennifer is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Virginia Society of CPAs, and Kansas Society of CPAs. She serves as a board director of EmberHope Youthville. She is magna cum laude graduate of Wichita State University, Kansas, with a B.B.A. degree in accounting.



**Jason El Koubi**  
**President & CEO**  
**Virginia Economic Development Partnership**

Jason El Koubi was named President & CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) in March 2022 after serving as Executive Vice President of the organization for nearly five years. Working with a wide variety of partners and stakeholders, Jason leads the development and implementation of an ambitious, multi-year strategic plan for economic development of the Commonwealth that encompasses activities across state government.

Among other transformational goals, the plan aims to position Virginia as an economic growth leader among U.S. states over the next 10 years while ensuring all regions of the state participate in that growth. As part of this work, Jason serves on the project management team for transformational projects, including Virginia's successful bid for Amazon's HQ2. He was previously President and CEO of One Acadiana, a regional economic development organization based in Lafayette, Louisiana. Under his leadership, the organization developed and successfully launched one of the most successful capital campaigns of its kind in the nation to deliver a new, nationally competitive economic development program for the nine-parish region, including substantial new activities in public policy and advocacy; business attraction, retention, and expansion; and urban revitalization.

Prior to One Acadiana, Jason served as assistant secretary of Louisiana Economic Development (LED) where he led initiatives that helped secure projects that created more than 63,000 new jobs along with more than \$28 billion in new capital investment, while dramatically improving Louisiana's position in virtually every state business climate ranking. Additionally, he managed LED's programs related to state economic competitiveness, business intelligence, community development, small business development, emergency response and recovery, and entertainment industry development. He previously served as policy director of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, where he directed policy and research operations during the response and recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

Under his leadership, BRAC's policy research team won the top economic development research award in the nation for two consecutive years. Jason is an outdoor enthusiast and has focused his volunteer service on education and the arts. He has lived, worked, or traveled in more than 40 countries, was selected for the French American Foundation's Young Leaders program, the British-American Project, and term membership in the Council on Foreign Relations.

Jason earned a B.S. in Biological Engineering from Louisiana State University, where he was elected speaker of student senate and awarded the Chancellor's Medal for leadership. As a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, he earned an M.S. in Public Policy from the London School of Economics. He lives with his wife Allison and two sons in Richmond, Virginia



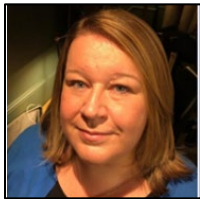
## **Stephanie Agee**

**Senior Vice President, International Trade & Chief Administrative Officer  
Virginia Economic Development Partnership**

Stephanie Agee serves as Vice President of International Trade and Chief Administrative Officer with Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), providing leadership and oversight of programs designed to support Virginia companies in growing their international sales. Before starting this role in January 2020, Stephanie led marketing and development activities at the Virginia Department of Agriculture, developing and implementing innovative domestic and international marketing programs and economic development strategies designed to enhance the profitability of Virginia agribusinesses.

Prior to this, Stephanie served in multiple positions in VEDP's International Trade Division, where she worked with Virginia companies to develop and implement international sales strategies, identify, and access target export markets, and provide counsel on specific international business issues. Stephanie also worked for the U.S. Government Accountability Office where she analyzed international trade and security assistance programs.

Stephanie holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in International Studies and Political Science from Virginia Tech.



## **Jude Muxworthy, MBE**

**His Majesty's Consul General & Minister Counsellor Delivery  
British Embassy Washington**

Sept 2023 – present  
His Majesty's Consul General and Minister Counsellor Delivery  
British Embassy Washington

Sept 2020 – Sept 2023  
Counsellor Foreign, Security and Development Policy  
British Embassy Washington

Sept 2017 – Sept 2020  
Counsellor Foreign Policy and Development  
UK Mission to the EU, Brussels

July 2017 - Sept 2017: French language training

June 2014 – June 2017  
Deputy Political Counsellor  
British High Commission Islamabad

July 2013 – May 2014: Urdu language training

Sept 2011 – June 2013  
Counter Terrorism Desk Officer - Middle East, North and West Africa  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

April 2008 – Sept 2011

Vice Consul Political  
British Consulate General Jerusalem

Mar 2006 – Mar 2008  
Assistant Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Nov 2004 – Feb 2006  
Team Leader HR Direct  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sept 2002 – Nov 2004  
Assistant Private Secretary to Director General for Constitutional Affairs  
Ministry of Justice

July 1999 – August 2002  
English language teacher Japan Exchange and Teaching programme  
Kumamoto, Japan



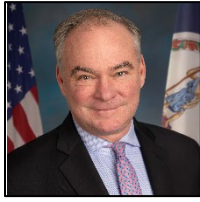
**Aubrey L. Lane, Jr.**  
**Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Sentara Health, and**  
**Chair, Virginia Port Authority Board of Directors**

Aubrey L. Layne, Jr. is Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Sentara Health. He oversees several teams, including Government and Legislative Affairs, Real Estate and Supply Chain, Security, Compliance, and Internal Audit and Privacy.

Layne joined Sentara in July 2021 as Senior Vice President and the Chief of Staff. Before joining Sentara, Layne served in Governor Ralph Northam's administration as the Virginia Secretary of Finance. Layne was responsible for overseeing the Commonwealth's annual revenue forecasts and administering the approximately \$140 billion biennial state budget along with being chairman of the state's Debt Advisory Board. He was also charged by Governor Northam to act as the state's CFO (an expanded role for the Secretary of Finance) and advises the Governor on all significant financial contracts entered into by state agencies. Before serving as Secretary of Finance, Layne was appointed to Virginia Secretary of Transportation for Governor Terence McAuliffe.

Prior to becoming a public servant, Layne served as President of longtime Sentara community partner An Achievable Dream Academy in Newport News, Va., as President and Principal Broker of Great Atlantic Properties in Virginia Beach, and as President of Hofheimer's Inc., which was based in Norfolk. He began his career at KPMG.





## **The Honorable Tim Kaine**

### **United States Senate**

Senator Tim Kaine was elected to the Senate in 2012 and serves on the Armed Services; Budget; Foreign Relations; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committees. Tim has made boosting job opportunities for everyone a top priority. As co-chair of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus, Tim focuses on expanding access to job-training programs to ensure that students of all ages are prepared with the skills they need for the jobs of the modern economy.

Tim has also led successful efforts in the Senate to reduce unemployment for military families and veterans. As a Senator from one of the states most closely connected to the military and the father of a former Marine, Tim is focused on crafting smart defense strategy and reducing the risk of unnecessary war. He works to ensure that the military has the resources it needs to keep the country safe and that service members and veterans receive the benefits and care they have earned. He has also been the leading voice against Presidents starting wars without a vote by Congress.

Tim believes that health care is a right, not something reserved just for those who can afford it and has consistently pushed for reforms to expand access to quality care. This includes legislation to give Americans more options for affordable health insurance and to combat the opioid abuse epidemic. Tim grew up working in his father's ironworking shop in Kansas City.

His parents taught him the value of hard work and showed him how small businesses and technical skills strengthen this country every day. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he started his public service career by running a technical school founded by Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. He trained teenagers to become carpenters and welders, equipping them with skills to lift up themselves and their communities. He was first elected to office in 1994, serving as a city councilmember and then Mayor of Richmond. He became Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 2002 and was inaugurated as Virginia's 70th Governor in 2006.

He is married to Anne Holton, who served as Virginia Secretary of Education from 2014 until 2016 and as the Interim President of George Mason University from 2019 until 2020; she now teaches education policy at GMU. They both revel in the adventures of their three grown children and live in the same Northside Richmond neighborhood where they moved as newlyweds more than 30 years ago.

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