

## **James A. Noone**

Jim Noone has more than 30 years of broad-based experience in Washington, including journalism, public affairs, law and lobbying. He is Managing Director of Mercury, a government relations/public affairs firm with offices in Washington, DC; New York, Chicago, California, Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, and overseas in London and Mexico City.

Jim began his career as a reporter and editor for the *Scranton Tribune* in the 1960s. Subsequently, he was a copy editor at *The Washington Post* and staff correspondent for the Washington news magazine *National Journal*.

In 1974, he joined the U.S. Information Agency, where he served in a number of assignments, including correspondent in the Washington press bureau and press officer at the U.S. Consulate General, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He later worked for ITT Corporation as manager of government relations in the company's Washington office. He subsequently was a principal in the law and government relations firm of Karalekas & Noone (K&N), representing businesses and state and local governments on defense and other issues. He also practiced government procurement law.

Since 2004 he has been with Mercury and two predecessor firms. He has represented businesses and public sector clients on national security, aerospace, federal procurement, and other issues before Congress and Executive Branch agencies. He has also assisted large and small companies with federal government business development.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Scranton, the American University School of International Service (Master of Arts), and the American University Law School. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia.

He served on active duty in the Navy as an enlisted journalist, including a tour of duty in Vietnam with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 58 (Seabees). He subsequently served in the Navy Reserve as a public affairs officer, retiring as a Captain in 2001. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense

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He is a member of the American Bar Association, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, National Press Club, Military Officers Association of America, Reserve Officers Association and the American Legion. He serves on the boards of directors of the Naval Historical Foundation and the International Midway Memorial Foundation. He is past president and board member of the U.S. Navy Public Affairs Association.

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