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### Hoops For Youth Board of Directors



#### **Paul A. Miller**

Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC

#### ***Board Chairman***

Paul was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin. He received a BS in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. Currently, Paul has his own lobbying firm Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC. In addition to his work for his firm, Paul was elected as the youngest President of the American League of Lobbyists, the national association representing the lobbying profession.

Basketball is a passion for Paul. In addition to his work with the Hoops For Youth Foundation, he coaches youth basketball at St. Timothy's in Chantilly.

He has two daughters Taylor 6 and Alexis 3.



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**Danny Leonard**  
Open Market Energy  
***Vice President***

Danny Leonard, Open Market Energy, Vice President, Government Affairs and Business Development

Danny's company works with business owners to solve facility energy management issues while reducing costs and improving energy sustainability.

Danny was born in Milwaukee, WI, and grew up in Washington, DC, after his father, the late Jerris Leonard, was appointed Assistant Attorney General, head of the Civil Rights Division during the Nixon administration. Danny graduated from Gonzaga College High School and received a BS in Public Administration from West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

In addition to his work with the Hoops for Youth Foundation, Danny has been a coach of various Falls Church select basketball teams in the Fairfax County Basketball League for over 10 seasons.

Danny is married to his wife Kelly and they reside in Falls Church, VA with their four children, Haley, Danny, Jr., Ryan and Keelyn.



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### **Monte Ward**

Advanced Capital Consulting  
***Secretary***

Monte Ward is President of Advanced Capitol Consulting - a company dedicated to assisting its clients in achieving their legislative and regulatory goals through government relations and advocacy services.

Prior to joining Advanced Capitol Consulting, Monte served as Vice President of Federal Affairs for the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, the largest property/casualty insurance trade association serving over 1,300 member companies.

Monte's Washington DC experience began on Capitol Hill where he worked as a staff assistant for Congressman John J. Rhodes, III (AZ), a legislative assistant for Congressman Jay Dickey (AR) and a legislative director for Congressman Michael Forbes (NY).

Monte is married to Jennifer and they have five boys. He is a basketball and baseball coach and a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. Monte also serves on the board of the American League of Lobbyists.



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**Brad Knox**  
AFLAC  
***Treasurer***

Brad brings to the board a wide range of experiences, including time as an Air Force JAG, an entrepreneur, chief counsel to the House Committee on Small Business, and currently in-house counsel to Aflac's federal relations division.

He also sits on the board of a high-tech engineering firm.

Brad received his bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University and his Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law.

He is married with three kids and resides in northern Virginia.



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**Mark Johnson**

Toyota

***Board Member***

Mark Johnson currently serves as a National Manager for Toyota in their government affairs office in Washington, D.C., where he is responsible for the company's compliance with government ethics laws and legislative issues related to safety, intellectual property and financial services issues. Prior to coming to Toyota, he served as Chief of Staff for Representative Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).

Before beginning his career in government service, Mark spent two years as a high school Latin and government teacher at Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia.

Mark currently resides in Bristow, Virginia with his wife Lisa and their two children, Grant (age 11) and Hannah (age 9).



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**Kate Leonard**  
The Leonard Group  
**Board Member**

Kate Leonard is the Owner of The Leonard Group, a Small Woman-Owned Business (SWOB), which assists clients with their Federal and State Government Relations and Business Development concerns and is located at the Watergate in the heart of Washington DC, minutes from Capitol Hill.

Kate is a Sponsor and Mentor of a student at the Washington Jesuit Academy continuing her life-long interest in working with at-risk youth as she began decades ago as a year-long volunteer-teacher at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and continued her work through volunteer tutoring programs and as Hoops for Youth, Hill Day Chair.