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## **THE LIVINGSTON GROUP ADDS VETERAN NON-PROFIT LOBBYIST ENHANCING THE FIRM'S BIPARTISAN CREDENTIALS**

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**Washington, DC** - The Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) today announced the addition of Laura W. Murphy, former Director and Chief Lobbyist at the Washington National Office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Murphy will serve as a consultant within several of TLG's practice areas including, Defense Technology and Homeland Security, Corporate Social Responsibility and Congressional Oversight, and Education and Non-Profits.

"We are delighted to have Laura affiliated with our firm," said TLG founding partner and Chief Executive Officer Bob Livingston. "For over two decades she handled high profile and provocative disputes, managing some of the most extraordinary coalitions of conservatives and liberals seen on Capitol Hill. Besides, she's my cousin," said Livingston. "Both of us are direct descendants of the Livingstons who were the early settlers in New York and were contributors to the creation of the Declaration of Independence."

During her time in Washington, Murphy worked on issues ranging from national security, and campaign finance to criminal justice reform.

From 1993 to 2005, Murphy served as Director of the Washington National Office of the ACLU. For 12 years she advocated for the organization before the US Congress, the White House and executive branch agencies. She led a team of lawyers and policy professionals to influence the outcome of federal legislation and regulations affecting a broad range of constitutional rights and civil liberties. One of her most noteworthy achievements was working with Senator Mitch McConnell and House leaders on minimizing any adverse constitutional implications of campaign finance reform legislation. She divided her time as the chief lobbyist, supervisor of a 42-person staff, manager of an \$8.2 million budget and a national spokesperson.

Murphy testified over a dozen times before Congress. She spoke as a guest on national news programs such as the PBS Newshour with Jim Lerher, NBC Nightly News, The Today Show, ABC Evening News, CNN Crossfire, Larry King Live and key programs on National Public Radio. In 2007, Murphy was given the President's Award for Outstanding Service by the largest national civil rights coalition: The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In 1997, and again in 2003, the U. S. Congressional Black Caucus honored Murphy for her significant contributions to legislation that advances civil rights and civil liberties.

"Any legislative matter of significant national importance enacted by Congress requires a durable bi-partisan coalition. I will accomplish that for my clients." Murphy said.

Both major newspapers on Capitol Hill, *Roll Call* and *The Hill*, selected Murphy as one of the 50 most influential lobbyists and one of 17 top non profit lobbyists in 1997 and 2003, respectively. And Murphy's governmental relations lobbying skills were thoroughly chronicled in the *Washington Post* and in the *Baltimore Sun* for her leadership after the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

The Livingston Group, LLC was created in March 1999 and provides comprehensive public affairs, government relations and lobbying services on a global basis. A complete overview of their practices, personnel and performance, including a representative client list, is available at [www.livingstongroupdc.com](http://www.livingstongroupdc.com).

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