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## LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM F. ASKINAZI, ESQ., MBA

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**W**ILLIAM F. ASKINAZI (J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1983, MBA), has a 24-year professional career in government service, international business, Global 200 companies, private law and business practice, and state and local politics. Mr. Askinazi facilitates domestic and international deal-making and uses his business networks and relationships to raise money and attract intellectual talent to solve strategic partner challenges. He advises growing companies on risk avoidance strategies and finds them capital and partners. Mr. Askinazi has won two significant wrongful death settlements in the last five years and in February of 2007 served as team counsel for the landmark consumer protection case of *Lloyd v. General Motors, et al.* He also serves as a Maryland court appointed arbitrator and mediator for complex commercial and contractual matters. He was a recipient of the President's Merit Award for 2006. Bills law practice emphasizes litigation, tort and contracts, serious personal and business injury, government relations and all aspects of business growth from financing to partnering.



Mr. Askinazi was the Assistant Secretary of Business and Economic Development for Governor Robert Ehrlich's administration, managing a budget of over \$100M and 300 employees that facilitated tens of millions of dollars in development, workforce training, and trade grants and loans. He coordinated with Maryland's universities and resident federal facilities to attract over 60,000 new jobs to Maryland in 2003 alone. At age 29, he was named the youngest Assistant General Counsel in the 75 year history of (then) Fortune 500 energy company, Combustion Engineering, Inc. ("CE"). CE later became Asea Brown Boveri ("ABB") a global 200 power generation and distribution company, and Mr. Askinazi managed business units in the U.S., Switzerland, and Sweden.

Bill Askinazi was a candidate and party nominee for the Maryland House of Delegates (15<sup>th</sup> Legislative District) in the 2002 and 2006 campaigns. He was published by the acclaimed "*Inside the Minds of CEO*", Aspato Press, on his "ADR Techniques". Bill is a frequent speaker on legal and political subjects on television. He is a member of Leadership Montgomery Class of 2006, and has served as a director or advisor to the Hoover Foundation, Children's Network International, Inc., UDC Business School, MdBio, Maryland Women's Heritage Center, Circle of Hope Therapeutic Riding Center, Maryland-India Business Council, and Asian Heritage Center, among numerous others. Mr. Askinazi graduated from The Pennsylvania State University (B.A., cum laude, Political Science and Economics, 1980), Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1983 including *Georgetown Law & International Business Law Review*), and the University of Connecticut at Stamford (M.B.A. in Management, 1994). He also attended Exeter University at Devon, England, studying comparative governments. He is a member of the Maryland, District of Columbia, Connecticut and U.S. Supreme Court bars.