

As Special Counsel at Ballard Spahr, former Pennsylvania Governor **Edward G. Rendell** devotes his practice to public/private partnerships and housing, with an emphasis on infrastructure. Gov. Rendell advises on new ways of building infrastructure and on the development of a national infrastructure reinvestment bank.

Gov. Rendell was a Ballard Spahr partner from 2000 to 2003. He left the firm upon being elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where he served two terms. As Governor, he was chief executive of the nation's sixth-most-populous state and oversaw a \$28 billion budget. Gov. Rendell's administration energized the state's economy through strategic investments, enacted Pennsylvania's first comprehensive measure to substantially reform the local tax system, and spearheaded initiatives encouraging the use of alternative and renewable energy, including wind farms and solar panels.

From 2008 to 2009, Gov. Rendell was Chair of the National Governors Association. He served as General Chair of the Democratic National Committee during the 2000 presidential election. Gov. Rendell, along with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, founded Building America's Future, a national infrastructure-investment coalition.

As two-term Mayor of Philadelphia (1992-2000), Gov. Rendell eliminated a crippling deficit, balanced the City's budget, and generated five consecutive budget surpluses. The renaissance of the City is largely attributed to his determination, inspiration, and energy.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Gov. Rendell joined the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office upon completing law school, rising to Chief of Homicide in 1972. He was elected District Attorney in 1977 and, for a second term of office, in 1981.