

Mims Elected Attorney General of Virginia

RICHMOND – The Virginia General Assembly today formally elected William C. “Bill” Mims as Virginia’s 45th Attorney General.

The former Chief Deputy Attorney General, Mims succeeds Robert F. “Bob” McDonnell, who resigned on Feb. 20, 2009 to run full-time for Governor.

In this position, Mims is responsible for the Office of the Attorney General and its 337 attorneys and staff. He will serve until January 2010, when the new Attorney General who will be elected in November is sworn in.

Mims served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1992 through 1997, and in the Virginia Senate from 1998 to 2005, before being tapped by McDonnell as his top lieutenant in January 2006.

“I am honored to serve as Attorney General following Bob McDonnell,” Mims said. “Bob McDonnell was an exceptional Attorney General, and I plan to continue his legacy by providing the very best legal services for Virginia’s citizens.”

Mims added, “The Office of the Attorney General is the law firm for Virginia’s governmental agencies. I am proud to work with such dedicated public servants.”

A native of Harrisonburg, Mims was educated in the Harrisonburg public schools. He received a degree in History from the College of William & Mary, where he was president of the student body. He also did graduate work in Public Administration at William & Mary. He has law degrees from George Washington University and Georgetown University.

During his years in the General Assembly, Mims worked as an attorney in Leesburg. Prior to practicing law he served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf and as Deputy Legislative Director to Senator Paul Trible. He served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association from 2002 through 2004, and was a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law at George Mason University from 2002 through 2005.