

## Anthony Bawidamann

Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, *Comcast*

For the last twenty-five years Tony has led legislative and public affairs campaigns throughout the nation. He has directed, managed, and executed a full range of government and regulatory affairs programs for large companies including Bristol Myers Squibb, McDonalds, Verizon, LS Power, Lennar Homes, and Hudson News. He also has vast experience in managing divergent internal / external groups that include NGO's, trade associations, CEO's, advocacy, vendors, board members, business unit leads and company leadership teams.

Tony's New Jersey Experience includes leading the Health Care legislative efforts of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. He also worked for New Jersey based Bristol Myers Squibb where he led the national State Government Affairs and Alliance Development teams. Before leading teams at BMS, Tony managed the public affairs practice at Florio, Perruci, Steinhardt and Fader, where he led legislative initiatives for the firm. As Vice President of Public Affairs at MWW, Tony led some of the nation's highest profile public affairs campaigns for national and New Jersey based companies.

Tony has worked for three different Congressmen on the Hill including Congressman Charles Bennett, Congressman Earl Hutto and Congressman Robert Wexler. At the state level, Tony worked as Chief of Staff to Florida Representative Ben Graber and led the South Carolina House Caucus as its Executive Director. Tony does have deep New Jersey political roots, leading some of the state's toughest political campaigns that include: Senate President Sweeney (2001), Assemblyman John Burzichelli (2001), Senator Paul Sarlo (2003) and Assemblyman Gary Schaer (2005).

Tony earned a Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University and a Master's Degree from George Washington University. Tony resides in Haddonfield with his wife Deb and his ten-year-old son Parker. He loves watching his son play football in his spare time.