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PRACTICES

Government
Federal Affairs
Congressional Oversight and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas
Mining

EDUCATION

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Troy develops strategic engagement plans to advance clients' legislative and regulatory priorities.

Troy leverages trusted relationships with bipartisan federal government stakeholders to help clients navigate legislative and regulatory challenges. He helps clients assess the opportunities and risks of federal engagement and develops short- and long-term tactics and strategies, including lobbying, public relations, and political intelligence, aligned with their business interests.

Clients benefit from the combination of his public sector expertise from high-level roles in Congress (serving two US Senators) and the executive branch (appointee in two presidential administrations) and his private sector experience advocating for industry interests.

Troy served as the Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the US Environmental Protection Agency and as Senior Advisor to the Administrator for External Affairs. In these appointed roles, he led EPA's bipartisan negotiations with Congress, managed the confirmation process for EPA nominees, and liaised with state governors.

Troy brings a unique perspective to congressional oversight, drawing on extensive experience managing oversight matters in both the federal government and private sector. As Associate Administrator at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), he managed the agency's response to congressional oversight, navigating complex political dynamics and coordinating responses to a high volume of congressional inquiries and investigations. In this role, he worked closely with senior agency leadership, congressional committees, and oversight staff to develop response strategies, manage sensitive requests, and protect the agency's institutional interests while meeting congressional obligations.

In the private sector, Troy has served on internal teams responsible for responding to congressional oversight inquiries, providing firsthand experience with the challenges companies face when navigating congressional investigations. His experience on both sides of the oversight process gives him a distinct understanding of congressional investigative strategies, agency and corporate response protocols, and the political considerations that shape oversight proceedings.

Troy also brings a deep understanding of energy industry priorities and challenges, particularly concerning environmental and climate change

regulation, from his work as Vice President, Government Affairs for the American Exploration & Production Council; as Manager, Government Affairs for Hess Corporation and Hess PAC; and as Director, Communications and External Affairs with BP America.

EXPERIENCE

Government Affairs

As a non-lawyer government affairs professional and lobbyist, Troy offers clients a full range of federal government affairs services including:

- Federal legislative and regulatory affairs
- Support for executive branch and Congressional oversight
- Congressional hearing preparation
- Coordination between key legislative personnel and executive branch officials on cross-disciplinary policy issues
- Federal and state statutory and regulatory programs to address environmental issues, climate change, and energy policy
- Political intelligence services: tracking legislative developments and reporting on areas of interest to clients
- Developing comprehensive legislative and public relations strategies
- Active participation in industry trade associations to stay on the cutting edge of clients' legislative and regulatory issues
- Establishing and coordinating ad hoc coalitions comprised of members representing diverse interest groups
- Developing and growing political action committees (PAC)

PUBLICATIONS

"Oversight Edge: Preparing for Congressional Scrutiny in the New Congress," *Congressional Oversight Update*, November 9, 2026

"2026 Deregulatory Agenda: Business Playbook," *Federal Affairs Update*, July 8, 2026

"What Companies Need to Know: AI Security & Compliance ," *Federal Affairs Update*, June 4, 2026

"EPA Launches Water Reuse Action Plan 2.0: New Opportunities to Shape Water Reuse Policy," *Federal Affairs Update*, April 21, 2026

"New 45Z Clean Fuel Credits Regs: 60-Days to Engage!," *Federal Affairs Update*, February 5, 2026

"Now the EPA Shutdown Really Begins," *Federal Affairs Update*, October 22, 2025

"Don't Get Caught Off Guard: Essential Shutdown Preparation for Federal Projects," *Federal Affairs Update*, September 22, 2025

"DOI Policy Changes Signal Major Shift Away From Wind Energy," *Federal Affairs Update*, July 31, 2025

"Summary of Trump Administration's Release of AI Action Plan," *Federal Affairs Update*, July 24, 2025

"House Appropriations Committee Issues Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Guidance," *Federal Affairs Update*, April 15, 2025

"Trump Administration Issues Executive Orders Impacting the Energy Industry," *Federal Affairs Update*, March 3, 2025

"Leveraging the Congressional Review Act to Shape Policy in the New Congress," *Federal Affairs Update*, December 4, 2024

"What's on Congress' PFAS Agenda? ," *PFAS Update*, May 21, 2024

BLOG POSTS

"Senate Passes Permitting Bill," *The Pulse*, November 20, 2026

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Policy Implications of the Trump Administration on the Energy Sector," Panelist, *National Young Energy Professionals Conference- Institute for Energy Law*, Las Vegas, NV, April 3, 2025

"How Congress and the Federal Agencies Are Adapting to the Trump Administration," Panelist, *2025 Environment and Natural Resources Summit*, March 13, 2025

RECOGNITION

- *The Hill*, Top Lobbyists, 2021-2025

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- National Energy Resources Organization, Board Member, 2016-2017
- Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, Governor-appointed Member, 2022-Present
- Randolph-Macon College
    - Board of Associates, 2022-Present
    - Alumni Board of Directors 2014-2021
- Loyola Blakefield, Development Committee, Member, 2023-Present