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PRACTICES

Federal Affairs
Government
Environmental
Congressional Oversight and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Mining
Renewable Energy and Storage
Oil and Gas
Energy and Resources
Data Centers

EDUCATION

University of Idaho, M.S., 1999
Environmental Science

Weber State University, B.S., 1992

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Amelia is a savvy strategist, adept at forging policy and political solutions to advance the interests of clients with energy and environmental challenges.

With extensive experience working in Congress, the Executive Branch, and private industry, Amelia understands how to identify legislators' political and policy priorities and develop tailored solutions that meet her clients' business goals. She draws on relationships with bipartisan federal government stakeholders and develops innovative strategies to position her clients with key decision-makers to maximize advocacy opportunities.

Amelia is adept at finding shared interests among non-traditional allies and building bipartisan solutions that achieve successful outcomes for her clients' projects and initiatives. Clients value her ability to anticipate shifting political dynamics and recalibrate policy strategies to stay ahead of emerging challenges. She has also successfully navigated both federal agencies and clients through rigorous Congressional oversight and investigations.

For ten years, Amelia was Executive Vice President at Cassidy & Associates, a leading bipartisan government relations firm. She led the energy and environment practice, advising clients ranging from Fortune 50 companies to energy developers, local governments, and non-profit organizations on a range of energy and environmental issues. Her experience includes developing and implementing policy and political strategies to support projects involving natural gas pipelines, wind projects, data center development, and interstate transmission lines, among others.

Her Congressional experience includes serving the House Committee on Natural Resources as the Deputy Staff Director and Senior Policy Advisor, as a Senior Advisor/Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Water and Power, and as a Senior Legislative Staff member for the Forest and Forest Health, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittees. She also served as Legislative Director and senior policy advisor to the Chair of the Democratic Policy Committee.

As the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs of the Department of Energy (DOE), Amelia was the lead strategist for bipartisan outreach to elected officials and worked on the political, congressional, and intergovernmental implications of major DOE programs and policies.

EXPERIENCE

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

- Federal legislative and regulatory affairs
- Federal statutory and regulatory programs to address policy and political issues involving environmental, energy (extractive and renewable sectors), data center development, and federal lands
- Managing response to Congressional oversight and investigations based on experience leading government agencies and clients through process
- Congressional hearing preparation
- Coordination between key legislative personnel and executive branch officials on cross-disciplinary policy issues
- Political intelligence services: tracking legislative developments and reporting on areas of interest to clients
- Developing comprehensive legislative and public relations strategies
- 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
- PAC management and advising

PUBLICATIONS

"GAO Mining Claim Reports Point to Paperwork Fixes, Not a Change in Course for Domestic Mining," *Mining Law Update*, November 24, 2026

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

"House Committee Advances SPEED Act: Major NEPA Reforms Target Permitting Delays," *Federal Affairs Update*, November 24, 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

BLOG POSTS

"Renaissance Politics - The Third Dimension," *The Pulse*, November 17, 2026

"Will the lame duck produce a public lands omnibus?," *The Pulse*, November 11, 2026

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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