

CLEMENT ABONYI, JR.

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EXPERIENCE

U.S. House Committee on Financial Services

Director of Member Services, Chairwoman Maxine Waters

January 2020 - Present

- Liaise directly with Committee's 33 Members of Congress, their staff, and broader Members of the House Democratic Caucus by providing on-call responses to both legislative and process questions
- Facilitate meetings between Financial Services Committee staff and other House Democratic offices, including House Leadership and other House Committee staff
- Assist with running the Committee's legislative operations by working across the Committee's six subcommittees to determine strategy around potential hearing dates and topics, develop lists of legislation to advance in a markup or on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives; serve as lead whip to gather information on member participation, policy preferences, and potential support or opposition against legislation
- Organize and execute Committee events including offsite field hearings, international Congressional Delegations, and Staff Delegations
- Update external stakeholders on Committee activity as requested
- Took a leading role in transforming Committee activities to virtual platforms due to the COVID-19 pandemic while keeping Members on the Committee and staff abreast of the changes required, including training each Member of the Committee on how to interact with the software used to conduct Committee activity

Member Services Coordinator, Chairwoman Maxine Waters

January 2019 – December 2019

- Liaised directly with Committee's 33 members and their staff, with House Committees, and with House Democratic offices.
- Assisted with running Committee's legislative operations, including serving as lead whip and serving on the floor operation team.
- Assisted with organizing, planning, and executing Committee events, including two subcommittee field hearings and one full committee field hearing
- Organized and planned a Congressional Delegation to countries in the European Union and the Middle East on behalf of Chairwoman Waters (Switzerland, Germany, Cyprus, Qatar, Ireland) to speak with Government officials, military staff, and banking regulators and receive updates on their progress on curbing terrorist financing, money laundering, and to learn more about Facebook's efforts to develop their proposed cryptocurrency "Libra"

- Organized and led a staff delegation to Alaska to talk to military and civil society professionals and receive updates on efforts to curb trafficking of all kinds

Staff Assistant, Ranking Member Maxine Waters

January 2018 – January 2019

- Conducted legislative and legal research, drafted memos on key policy matters for Committee staff
- Assisted in developing legislative proposals and preparing draft legislation.
- Assisted in planning, organizing, and overseeing Committee related events including the Committee annual extended caucus

Groom Law Group, Chartered

Legal Administrative Assistant

June 2017 – December 2017

- Prepared, edited, and formatted legal documents, and other relevant administrative tasks while supporting 7 attorneys, including one partner
- Assisted policy team in tracking pending and proposed retirement and health legislation in Congress.
- Conducted policy research to identify changes in tax code that impacted ERISA retirement plans as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

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Public Affairs Intern

January 2017 – April 2017

- Interned at a boutique lobbying and public affairs firm located in Brussels during my study broad period while attending the American University
- Developed, coordinated, and managed educational and networking events for individuals interested in European Union politics, consulting, and lobbying
- Analyzed developments in European Union trade policy on behalf of client organizations in the Middle East and Africa
- Liaison to a group of junior diplomats from Azerbaijan while they were visiting Brussels; attended a class with them at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium

Coalition of Services Industries

Trade Research Intern

October 2016 – December 2016

- Provided a wide range of administrative support for the staff in order to ensure flawless execution of CSI's annual Global Services Summit discussion of trade in services between the United States and strategic partners
- Edited 5+ hours of raw video into 6 videos to be posted on CSI's YouTube page
- Updated CSI's contact database by performing outreach to dozens of embassies throughout Washington, DC

Office of U.S. Representative Jim Himes (CT-04)

Legislative Intern

May 2016 – October 2016

- Provided exemplar front office support for the Congressman and his staff by welcoming guests and fielding dozens of constituent calls daily
- Drafted letters in response to constituent concerns and batched dozens of mail items daily in the Intranet Quorum system
- Wrote cosign and cosponsor memos to the Congressman regarding various legislative initiatives
- Attended committee hearings and events on Capitol Hill and in the DC-area on behalf of the Congressman's staff where I took notes and drafted follow-up briefing memos for staff
- Organized and led on average 2-4 weekly guided tours of the U.S. Capitol building to constituents of the fourth Congressional district and specifically asked to lead tours for key political constituents; organized tours to the White House

Connecticut General Assembly

Legislative Intern for Connecticut House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz

January 2015 – June 2015

- Tracked legislation, communicated constituent concerns, and monitored committee meetings and hearings
- Analyzed proposed legislation; participated in meetings with lobbyists and other stakeholders to discuss proposed legislative policies
- Organized informational panels, and organized a mock session for approximately 25 interns
- Assisted the Majority Leader's office in closing out the budget year

Sono Field House

Supervisor/Rock-Wall Instructor

September 2014 – August 2015

- Supervised staff of 4-6 individuals while they hosted birthday parties consisting of 15-25 guests on average
- Oversaw corporate events held at Sono Field House facilities, including private events
- Certified rock-wall belay instructor; taught clients proper techniques for indoor rock-wall climbing

PepsiCo

Media Communications Intern

June 2014 – August 2014

- Conducted research on media influencer networks and establish relationships between influencers of import to PepsiCo brands
- Revamped PepsiCo's media influencer list by identifying new influencers in various fields related to PepsiCo products
- Drafted copy detailing PepsiCo's activity in CSR for social media platforms, particularly on the company's sustainability achievements

- Participated in community service work with the Bronx is Blooming organization by revitalizing a public park

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aspen Institute Socrates Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar

August 2019

- Selected amongst a competitive, diverse, bipartisan, and cross-governmental pool of applicants consisting of Capitol Hill employees to participate in a weekend professional development retreat
- Participated in a curriculum diving into the foundational principles of representative democracy and how these principles can be modernized for the current time
- Strengthened skills in developing bipartisan relationships while learning how to effectively advance the priorities of my Member

AWARDS

2014 Recipient of the Norwalk Community College Man of Promise and Distinction Award

- Nominated by faculty and staff for exhibiting high academic achievement and displaying high potential while overcoming obstacles

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language

- Native or bilingual proficiency

EDUCATION

B.A in Political Science, 2017

The American University

Washington, DC

European Union in Action Program, Spring 2017

American University Brussels Center

Brussels, Belgium

Norwalk Community College, 2012 – 2015

Saint Francis University, 2011 - 2012