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## Top Skills

Politics  
Public Policy  
Legislative Relations

# Tristan Leavitt

President at Empower Oversight, candidate for West Virginia House of Delegates District 53  
Charleston, West Virginia, United States

## Experience

### Empower Oversight

President

March 2023 - Present (8 months)

Represent whistleblowers to Congress from the IRS, FBI, and other agencies.

### U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

4 years 5 months

#### Board Member

March 2022 - February 2023 (1 year)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Confirmed by U.S. Senate to help hold federal employees accountable for misconduct and poor performance and federal agencies accountable for retaliation and other violations of the law.

### Acting Chief Executive and Administrative Officer

March 2019 - February 2022 (3 years)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Led agency in absence of Senate-confirmed Board members.

### General Counsel

October 2018 - February 2022 (3 years 5 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

### U.S. Office of Special Counsel

1 year 5 months

#### Principal Deputy Special Counsel

June 2017 - October 2018 (1 year 5 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Helped ensure accountability and expose waste, fraud, and abuse throughout the federal government, such as \$32 million in lost inventory at the Naval Sea Logistics Center in Port Hueneme, California.

### Acting Special Counsel

September 2017 - October 2017 (2 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Notified President Trump of veteran wait time data at the Clarksburg (WV) VA Medical Center being intentionally manipulated for seven years.

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Senior Counsel (Chairman Jason Chaffetz)

January 2015 - June 2017 (2 years 6 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Investigated Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while Secretary of State and the FBI's decision not to recommend charges.

Worked closely with Government Operations Subcommittee Chairman Mark Meadows to expose security breaches and misconduct within the U.S. Secret Service.

Led investigation into conflicts of interest caused by Hillary Clinton fundraising for the political campaign of FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe's wife.

Staffed Subcommittee Chairmen Ron DeSantis, Jim Jordan, Mark Meadows, and others.

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Investigative Counsel (Ranking Member Chuck Grassley)

February 2011 - January 2015 (4 years)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Helped expose ATF's Operation Fast and Furious, the gunwalking scheme that armed Mexican drug cartels and the murderers of a Border Patrol agent.

Exposed cronyism in the EB-5 immigrant investor visa program at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, where decisions by Director Alejandro Mayorkas benefited Terry McAuliffe and Hillary Clinton's brother Anthony Rodham while raising national security concerns about visas granted to rich investors from China, Iran, and more.

Partnered with Chairman Jim Jordan's staff to investigate Assistant Attorney General Tom Perez suppressing a whistleblower recovery to taxpayers of over \$200 million in exchange for protecting a legal theory favored by Perez regarding racial discrimination.

Republican National Committee

### Volunteer Associate

August 2010 - November 2010 (4 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Worked in the office of General Counsel Reince Priebus to monitor around the country for election fraud.

### Step toe & Johnson PLLC

Summer Associate

June 2010 - August 2010 (3 months)

Charleston, West Virginia, United States

### U.S. House of Representatives

Legislative Correspondent/Legislative Assistant (Representative Bill Sali)

May 2007 - August 2008 (1 year 4 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Handled veterans' affairs, pro-life, and religious freedom legislative portfolio.

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## Education

Georgetown University Law Center

J.D., Law

Brigham Young University

B.A., Political Science