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## Top Skills

Litigation

Civil Litigation

Legal Writing

## Publications

House Democrats may find that the way to investigate Trump is through the private sector

Is the Golden Age of Crypto Already Over?

How to make financial markets safe from hostile hackers

# Justin Slaughter

Policy at Paradigm

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Experience

Paradigm

Policy Director

December 2021 - Present (1 year 11 months)

Supporting Paradigm and its portfolio companies on policy and regulation in the U.S. and globally.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Senior Adviser to Chair & Director, Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs; Counsel, OCIE

January 2021 - September 2021 (9 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Advised Acting SEC Chair on strategic, policy and legal matters and managed the Commission's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, January 2021-April 2021; Provided strategic advice to Director and Acting Director of Division of Examinations, April 2021-September 2021.

Law Firm of Justin Slaughter PLLC

Managing Partner

December 2017 - January 2021 (3 years 2 months)

Washington, DC

Served as outside counsel to start-ups and trade associations. Provided other legal services regarding complex and novel matters in the tech, fintech, and finance spaces.

Mercury Strategies, LLC

Partner

May 2017 - January 2021 (3 years 9 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Provided advice and consulting services on a wide range of topics, including fintech, algorithmic trading, cybersecurity, communications, and political engagement.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission - Office of Commissioner Sharon Bowen

Chief Policy Adviser & Special Counsel  
October 2014 - May 2017 (2 years 8 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Advise Commissioner Bowen on all legal, policy, press, and political matters involving the \$430 trillion swaps and futures markets, including enforcement cases. Draft office's speeches and handle all relationships with the media and Congress. Top liaison to various stakeholders, including large industry participants and the financial reform community. Help Commissioner Bowen to manage the functioning of the office, including our budget. Serve as lead staffer on Commissioner Bowen's effort to improve corporate governance in the financial industry. Craft office policy on a number of issues, including regulating high frequency trading, asking Congress to increase the CFTC's civil enforcement penalties, and calling for full CFTC funding. Participate in CFTC rulemakings, including cybersecurity, high frequency trading, margin for uncleared swaps, and position limits. Speak at conferences, including on cybersecurity, position limits, and foreign exchange regulations.

Sen. Edward J. Markey  
General Counsel  
July 2013 - October 2014 (1 year 4 months)  
Washington, DC

Advised Sen. Markey on judiciary, banking, economic, tax, and foreign relations issues.

Supervised legal team of three people. Crafted legislative and messaging strategy on dealing with excessive speculation and market manipulation of futures and equities. Oversaw several investigations, including into equities brokers expunging arbitration information from FINRA's website. Crafted office's strategy to recommend judicial nominations for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts and to respond to the filibustering of judicial nominations. Helped shepherd nominees, including for economic positions in the Obama Administration, through the Foreign Relations Committee.

House Committee on Natural Resources  
Investigative Counsel  
February 2012 - July 2013 (1 year 6 months)

Advised Rep. Markey on financial issues, including high frequency trading in futures and equities, executive pay, dark pools, decimalization, Dodd-Frank, and oversight of the SEC, FERC, and the CFTC. Investigated role of speculation and

manipulation in oil and natural gas futures markets and introduced legislation on the subject. Devised and implemented strategy for rebutting Republican investigations. Advised Rep. Markey on criminal law and judicial issues. Drafted appellate brief filed on behalf of Rep. Markey and 11 other Members of the House on the SEC's rule requiring disclosure of all natural resource extraction payments to governments, which was required under Section 1504 of Dodd-Frank.

### McDermott Will and Emery

Associate

September 2009 - February 2012 (2 years 6 months)

Worked on a wide range of matters, including several securities actions. Monitored legislative initiatives, especially "Cap and Trade," for firm clients. Represented clients in several governmental investigations.

### United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Law Clerk

October 2008 - July 2009 (10 months)

Researched and wrote legal memoranda and draft opinions on a range of issues before the Ninth Circuit.

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## Education

Yale Law School

J.D., Law · (2005 - 2008)

Columbia University in the City of New York

B.A., History & Political Science · (2002 - 2005)

Georgetown University

· (2001 - 2002)