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## Top Skills

Policy Analysis  
Public Policy  
Government

# Amanda B.

Public Policy Strategist | Attorney | Writer | Former Political Appointee @ DHS, USCIS, Consultant, Advocate  
United States

## Experience

Barena Strategies, LLC  
Policy and Strategy Consultant  
September 2023 - Present (1 year 3 months)

USCIS  
Chief, Policy and Strategy  
January 2021 - January 2023 (2 years 1 month)

Biden-Harris Transition Team  
Department of Homeland Security Agency Review Team  
October 2020 - January 2021 (4 months)

Self-Employed  
Policy and Strategy Consultant  
March 2017 - January 2021 (3 years 11 months)

Biden for President  
Convenor, Women and Families Policy Committee  
August 2020 - October 2020 (3 months)

Served as lead for the Safety and Dignity Subcommittee where I organized volunteers to address policy issues related to the eradication of violence against women and families.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
7 years 8 months  
Principal Director of Immigration Policy  
September 2015 - February 2017 (1 year 6 months)

USCIS Chief of Public Engagement  
March 2015 - September 2015 (7 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Senior Policy Analyst  
July 2009 - March 2015 (5 years 9 months)

White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders  
Senior Advisor  
November 2010 - December 2011 (1 year 2 months)

USCIS  
Asylum Officer  
April 2007 - July 2009 (2 years 4 months)

Legal Momentum  
Staff Attorney, Immigrant Women Program  
February 2003 - March 2007 (4 years 2 months)

Legal Services of NorthWest Texas  
Staff Attorney  
July 2002 - January 2003 (7 months)

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## Education

University of Houston Law Center  
JD · (1998 - 2001)

The University of Texas at Austin