

# RACHAEL S. TAYLOR

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### *SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES*

##### *DEMOCRATIC CLERK*

*FEBRUARY 2012—PRESENT*

##### *PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER*

*APRIL 2005—JANUARY 2012*

- Serve as the staff director and lead negotiator for Democratic Senators on the Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Negotiate legislation to allocate more than \$38 billion in annual appropriations to Federal land management, environmental protection, tribal and cultural priorities
- Analyze executive branch budget requests and recommend budget and policy alternatives to Committee leadership on programs for the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Forest Service, Indian Health Service, Smithsonian Institution and other environmental and cultural agencies
- Oversee programs that implement the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Federal Superfund law, Endangered Species Act, National Park Service Organic Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act, National Forest Management Act, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and other conservation and environmental protection statutes
- Draft annual and supplemental appropriations legislation, amendments, report language, floor statements, briefings, talking points, press releases and correspondence for Committee leadership
- Ensure legislation complies with all legal and technical budgetary requirements, including overseeing detailed account-by-account controls and managing scorekeeping implications in coordination with the Congressional Budget Office and Office of Management and Budget
- Prepare Subcommittee Ranking Member for all budget and oversight hearings, including drafting opening statements, strategizing on hearing topics, drafting budget and policy questions, and preparing the Ranking Member for live discussion with witnesses
- Represent Committee leadership and maintain relationships with Congressional members and staff, senior political and career staff at executive branch agencies and national environmental policy, tribal and cultural stakeholders
- Manage three professional staff, navigating a challenging workload with frequent deadlines and overseeing staff work products to ensure consistency with Committee and caucus priorities
- Selected as a Congressional Staff Fellow by the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership

### PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOW

WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### *U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY & UNITED STATES SENATE*

*MAY 2004 – APRIL 2005*

- Prepared in-depth analyses, presentations and decision documents for the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and other Treasury principals on budget and management initiatives
- Oversaw annual budget formulation for four Treasury bureau budgets at the direction of the Department and the Office of Management and Budget
- Served as a Congressional Fellow for the Democratic staff of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

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**OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**  
*COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR*

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*MARCH 2002 – DECEMBER 2002*

- Served as the Congresswoman's spokesperson, speechwriter, message strategist and liaison to the national press corps

**WAMU 88.5 FM, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RADIO**  
*PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR*

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*FEBRUARY 2001 – FEBRUARY 2002*

- Served as a media and community relations coordinator for the nation's fourth-largest public radio station, including planning events and pitching stories to local and national media

**THE WHITE HOUSE, OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE**  
*SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF*  
*AND PUBLIC LIAISON ADVISOR*

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*SEPTEMBER 1999 – JANUARY 2001*

- Conducted outreach on behalf of the Office of the Vice President to elected officials, executive branch officials and national constituency leaders
- Planned and implemented public and private events for the Vice President and Mrs. Gore with the President, First Lady, Members of Congress, government officials and constituents
- Oversaw office operations for the Vice President's Chief of Staff

*SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE COUNSEL TO THE VICE PRESIDENT*     *DECEMBER 1997 – SEPTEMBER 1999*

- Conducted research, prepared briefings and correspondence on ethics and legal issues, coordinated responses to Congressional and agency inquiries and provided administrative support

**U.S. SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
*STAFF ASSISTANT*

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*MAY 1997 – DECEMBER 1997*

- Conducted research and provided administrative support for the Democratic staff of a special Congressional investigation into campaign finance irregularities

## EDUCATION

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**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
*MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION*

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- Graduated with Distinction
- Editor-in-chief of *Public Purpose* academic journal
- Board member, School of Public Affairs Graduate Council executive board
- Research assistant and intern for the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies Program

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**  
*BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM AND SPANISH*

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