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EXPERIENCE

United States Congress, Washington, D.C.

November 2013 – Present

Office of Congressman José E. Serrano (NY-15), Chairman of the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Subcommittee, and Vice-Chairman of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee

Appropriations Committee Staffer for Chairman Serrano (February 2020 – Present)

Legislative Director and Counsel (May 2016 – Present)

Legislative Counsel (July 2014 – April 2016)

Legislative Assistant and Counsel (November 2013 – June 2014)

Appropriations – Manage portfolio for Senior House Appropriator and Chairman of the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee and Vice Chairman of the Financial Services Appropriations Subcommittee that includes the following subcommittees: State and Foreign Operations; Defense; Commerce, Justice, Science; Financial Services; Energy and Water; Homeland Security; and Legislative Branch. Previously also handled the portfolio for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans Affairs and Military Construction Subcommittees.

- Coordinate with Appropriations Committee to fund and execute the Congressman's budget priorities and programmatic requests, as well as developing strategies for advancing policy goals, district priorities, and securing favorable committee report language.
- Included numerous Democratic priorities in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill led by Chairman Serrano such as: supporting police reform, promoting civil rights, enabling economic development, helping minority owned businesses and minority serving institutions, funding scientific research and space exploration, and combatting climate change.

Legislative – Handle portfolio including foreign policy, national security, defense, military, intelligence, budget, homeland security, financial services, commerce, science, space, energy, trade, pensions and retirement, seniors, and Puerto Rico issues. Previously also handled transportation, Veterans' affairs, and social security.

- Develop and implement long-term legislative strategies on foreign policy, including bipartisan strategy to increase funding for international humanitarian assistance and global health programs through the appropriations process; protecting human rights in Mexico and Central America; improving diplomatic relations with Cuba; and supporting Peace Colombia.
- Supervised the legislative strategy leading to the enactment of a bill to create a Smithsonian museum dedicated to Latinos – H.R. 2420, the National Museum of the American Latino Act.
- Successfully crafted and passed amendment that created the Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM Grant Program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and worked through the appropriations process to triple funding from \$15 million to \$45 million per year in three years.
- Helped secure tens of billions of dollars of disaster relief assistance for Puerto Rico and successfully included provisions that provided funding for Community Development Block Grants, reconstruction and repairs of Federal highways, housing assistance, aid for Federal facilities, and nutritional assistance.
- Crafted bill and led strategy for introduction of a Puerto Rico statehood admission bill as well as mandating the Commerce Department to produce GDP statistics for Puerto Rico and open a comment period to eliminate the Electronic Export Information requirement for the territories.

- Wrote and helped secure the enactment of language mandating the Treasury Department to produce the first-ever report to the Appropriations Committee on controlled foreign corporations and tax avoidance.
- Successfully led effort to secure dozens of report language priorities mandating various federal agencies to take action on different areas, such as commerce, science, financial services, and energy. This led agencies to implement new initiatives or amend federal regulations to accomplish the Chairman's policy goals and objectives.
- Cooperate with stakeholders in developing and implementing the Congressman's policy agenda.
- Serve as a liaison with federal agencies in order to achieve the Congressman's policy goals through the administrative process, including the securing of funding for a pedestrian wayfinding program in the district; preventing the divestment by NSF of the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico; obtaining a \$10 million TIGER infrastructure grant for the Bronx; securing NSF grant for full-ride scholarships to thirty first-generation engineering college students from the Bronx; expanding the outreach of NASA and STEM in the district by securing the visit of a NASA astronaut at a public school.
- Write and edit Congressional testimony, talking points, questions for hearings, memoranda, and constituent and official correspondence.
- Draft and introduce legislation and amendments; and propose and supervise all programmatic and language requests to the Appropriations Committee.
- Maintain good working relationships with numerous member offices and Congressional Committees to advance the Congressman's policy agenda.
- Participated in the Atlantic Council Eurasia Center Congressional Fellowship Program (2019), Wilson Center Congressional Artificial Intelligence Lab (Fall 2018), Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Staff Exchange Program (Summer 2018), Free Russia Foundation Congressional Series (Spring 2018), the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center (NPEC) Public Policy Fellowship (Fall 2017), Foreign Policy Initiative's Congressional Scholars Program (Summer 2017), National Endowment for Democracy's Penn Kemble Democracy Forum (Fall 2016), East West Center-Sasakawa USA Congressional Staff Program on Asia (Fall 2016), Hoover Institution Congressional Fellowship Program (Summer 2016), Wilson Center Congressional Cybersecurity Lab (Summer 2016), Wilson Center Foreign Policy Program (Fall 2015), the Partnership for a Secure America Congressional Partnership Program (Fall 2015), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) 18th Congressional and Executive Branch Seminar (Spring 2015), the U.S.-Asia Institute China 101 Seminar Series (Summer 2014), the Center for National Policy Deane and Paul Shatz Security Scholars Program (Spring 2014).
- Member of the Wilson Center's Foreign Policy Fellowship Program Advisory Board (2018-Present)
- Attended STAFFDEL/CODEL trips to Ukraine, Spain, Bahrain, China, Germany, Belgium (European Union), Saudi Arabia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Azerbaijan, Ireland, Israel, Colombia, Taiwan, New York City, Boston, Honolulu, Kauai, Colorado Springs, Palo Alto, San Diego, Tampa, and Warrenton, VA.

Management/Administrative – Craft and implement a yearly office budget with the Chief Administrator; keep track of office expenses by reconciling them with the monthly financial statements; maintain operational efficiency; and reward outstanding performance with salary increases. Focus on efficiency led to cut in office expenses without reducing the quality of work or the workplace. Also, supervise and manage in a fast-paced environment a highly motivated team composed of legislative assistants, legislative correspondent, scheduler, interns, and fellows by assigning them work and making sure the Congressman’s priorities and objectives are being accomplished. Work with Communications Director to ensure that the Congressman’s achievements, legislation, and letters to agencies are communicated effectively to the press and through various social media platforms.

United States Congress, Washington, D.C. September 2013 – November 2013

Fellow for Office of Congressman José E. Serrano (NY)

Attended Congressional hearings and seminars; wrote extension of remarks for the Congressional Record; wrote memoranda and letters; advised on public policy.

U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Law Clerk for Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs, Washington, D.C. June – August 2013

Conducted legal research on the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act; wrote legal memoranda; wrote letters responding to EEO complaints.

Law Clerk for Office of the Chief Division Counsel, Indianapolis, IN August 2012 – April 2013

Updated and edited FBI Incident Response Manual; handled tort claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act; conducted legal research on a wide range of legal issues; wrote legal memoranda.

Law Clerk for Office of Professional Responsibility, Washington, D.C. June 2012 – August 2012

Wrote Reports of Investigation for cases of misconduct; handled FOIA request regarding FBI Offense Code violations; participated in on-the-record oral hearings re employee misconduct.

Office of the Indiana Attorney General, Indianapolis, IN January 2013 – April 2013

Law Clerk for the Tax Litigation Section

Conducted legal research on tax issues; wrote legal memoranda on pending tax lawsuits against the State; interpreted and applied the Indiana tax code to current cases; drafted interrogatories, requests for admissions and requests for the production of documents.

McConnell Valdés, PLLC, Washington, D.C. May 2011 – July 2011

Law Clerk for Government Affairs Practice

Monitored legislative and regulatory activity daily; analyzed legislative proposals potentially impacting client’s interests; wrote memoranda and provided advice on diverse issues to clients.

The White House, Washington, D.C. May 2009 – August 2009

Intern for President Barack Obama, Office of Presidential Correspondence

Read/categorized letters from constituents and political leaders; attended White House conferences and participated in discussions with influential leaders; engaged in community service activities.

United States Congress, Washington, D.C. January 2009 – May 2009

Intern for Office of Congressman José E. Serrano (NY)

Responded to constituent letters and organized office files; researched/analyzed/advised re bills on foreign and domestic policy; attended briefings and wrote memoranda to staff members.

United States Congress, Washington, D.C. September 2008 – December 2008

Intern for Office of Congressman Luis Fortuño (PR)

Researched and analyzed bills affecting Puerto Rico; communicated with constituents.

EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

Juris Doctor, May 2013, (b)(6) Rank: Top 33%

Activities: Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies, Managing Editor; Sherman Minton Moot Court, Competitor; Latino Law Student Association, President; International Law Society, Member; Public Interest Law Foundation, Member; Research Assistant for Professor Sarah J. Hughes, Commercial Law

Honors: Dean's Honors (Top 30%) (Spring 2012 and Spring 2011); High Pass in Legal Research and Writing (Spring 2011); Highest Grade in International Trade Law (Spring 2012); Highest Grade in Negotiable Instruments (Spring 2012)

The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, Major: International Affairs, May 2010, (b)(6) Rank: Top 1%
Concentrations: International Politics and International Economics

Activities: International Affairs Society; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Puerto Rico Statehood Students Association

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Eta Sigma; Golden Key International; Sigma Alpha Lambda (National Leadership Org.); Special Congressional Recognition from Rep. Serrano; Dean's List

PERSONAL

Native Spanish speaker; possess an active (b)(7)(E) security clearance.

Licensed to Practice Law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia.