

DIMITRIOS J. KARAKITSOS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Holland & Knight, Washington, DC

Partner, October 2016 – Present

- Co-lead firm Public Policy & Regulation Group's Environment team.
- Represent clients before Congress, agencies, and Presidential Cabinet on issues ranging from energy and environment to trade and international treaties.
- Develop and execute client strategic initiatives in response to legislative and regulatory activity as well as international treaties.
 - Prepare clients, including executives, elected officials, and Presidential nominees, for Congressional oversight and legislative hearings and Senate nomination hearings.
- Advocate on behalf of clients on energy and environment related legislation, federal infrastructure policy, appropriations, tax proposals, as well as defense and defense industrial based policy.
- Provide strategic counsel to businesses, trade associations, state and local governments, and non-profit organizations as they navigate Congress and the Executive Branch.

United States Senate, Committee on Environment and Public Works, Washington, DC

Senior Counsel/Professional Staff, March 2009 – October 2016

- Developed policy and integrated strategy related oil and gas, coal, chemicals including the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, renewable energy, and the National Environmental Policy Act.
 - Principal author and negotiator of the “Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act” (Public Law No: 114-182), the first major environmental law rewrite in decades.
 - Coordinated environmental streamlining provisions in “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)” (P.L. 112-141).
 - Lead negotiator of the “Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act” (S. 1961) which passed out of the EPW Committee with bipartisan support.
 - Authored “Fracturing Regulations are Effective in State Hands Act” (S. 2248), a bill that ensures States have the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing.
- Conducted oversight of the Executive Branch on:
 - Energy production and access to natural resources;
 - Hydraulic fracturing investigations, studies, and regulatory efforts including extensive oversight of EPA, both at headquarters and regional offices;
 - Implementation of laws and regulations related to chemical management, security, and waste;
 - The chemical regulatory and assessment process including TSCA and IRIS;
 - Executive branch nominations at multiple federal agencies.
- Planned and executed Congressional hearings; drafted floor speeches, Committee hearing statements and questions, background memos for Committee Members and staff, official Committee reports, correspondence to high-ranking government officials, and op-eds and press releases.
- Represented Ranking Republican and Committee at the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in Geneva, Switzerland.

Inter-American Development Bank, Miami, FL

2008 Host Committee, Special Assistant to the Chairman, October 2007 – May 2008

- Intern protocol liaison to the Chairman, participating in major fundraising initiatives organization of 2008 Board of Governors meeting.

Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Lawrence Schwartz, Fall 2006

Congressman Mike Rogers, Lansing, MI

Congressional Intern, Summer 2003

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL
Juris Doctor
Honors: Dean's Merit Scholarship

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Bachelor of Business Administration in Political Science and Business Management

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Member of New York State and Washington, DC, Bar