

AMY RYAN ALEXANDER

EXPERIENCE

TAXPAYERS FOR COMMON SENSE, Washington, DC 11/06 – present
President. Provide overall leadership for high-profile non-partisan budget watchdog. Raise all funds, manage board and staff, and serve as chief public face of organization, including testifying before Congressional committees and regularly appearing in broadcast and print media. Organizational accomplishments to date include:

- Increased organizational revenues more than 150% and attracted new supporters.
- Raised strong public profile, including increasing appearances in major press by 250% in one year.
- Built strong relationships across the political spectrum in policy maker, interest group, and donor communities.
- Released widely cited earmark databases that led to Congressional reform of earmarks disclosure and practices.
- Obtained policy reforms relating to appropriations, energy and natural resources, and defense spending.
- Recognized expert in agriculture, national security, infrastructure, federal natural resource management

COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND, Washington, DC 6/03 – 9/06
Executive Director. Responsible for the research and education affiliate of a 200,000-member citizen lobby. Developed and oversaw programs at the federal level and with 38 state offices.

PROGRAM CONSULTANT 3/99 – 6/03
Evaluated organizations, analyzed movements and field activity, and wrote organizational and political strategy papers for foundations and non-profits. Clients included Carnegie Corporation of New York, Joyce Foundation, and M+R.

ROCKEFELLER FAMILY FUND, New York, NY 9/96 – 3/99
Program Officer. Responsible for program strategy and grantmaking in a public charity with \$60 million in assets, a grants budget of \$2.5 million, and a fund distribution to more than 90 organizations.

APPALACHIAN RESEARCH AND DEFENSE FUND, Charleston, WV 9/94 – 9/96
Staff Attorney.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL, Madison, WI
J.D. Elected president of National Association of Public Interest Law (now known as Equal Justice Works).

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, CT
B.A. with Honors. Double major in Art History and the College of Letters, a program of western history, philosophy, and literature. High Honors on Senior Thesis.

BOARD SERVICE

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN ADVOCATES, Lewisburg, WV 2001 – present
PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, Washington, DC 2002 – present
R STREET INSTITUTE, Washington, DC 2012 – present
FUND FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, Washington, DC 2012 – present
PROTEUS ACTION LEAGUE, Amherst, MA 2013 – present