

Amy O. Cooke is the Chief Executive Officer of the John Locke Foundation and Publisher of *Carolina Journal*. For nearly two decades Amy has been a champion of free markets and limited, constitutional government. Amy's responsibility as CEO is to lead the talented staff into the organization's fourth decade of promoting public policy that ensures all North Carolinians have the freedom and opportunity to thrive.

Prior to joining Locke, Amy served as Executive Vice President of the Independence Institute (II), Colorado's free-market think tank. She was also Director of the Energy and Environmental Policy Center at II, the John Locke Foundation's sister think tank.

Amy's area of expertise is energy policy, which she began working on in 2010. She is proud to be one of the original state-level, free-market energy policy advocates. She founded a Colorado nonprofit organization, the Coalition of Ratepayers, to provide a voice for captive ratepayers and to intervene in regulatory proceedings on behalf of small business and residential utility customers.

In December 2016, she was honored to be the second person named to President Donald Trump's Transition Team for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Her work on important public policy ballot measures has earned her numerous awards, including the Spark Freedom Trendsetter Award for social media outreach and both the prestigious Reed and Pollie awards for best Spanish language TV ad for a ballot measure.

Amy is a former senior fellow with the influential Independent Women's Forum, a free-market think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C., and a National Advisory Board member for the Steamboat Institute.

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In 2015, Amy retired after 10 years of hosting the award-winning *Amy Oliver Show* on News Talk 1310 KFKA, Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 am. In 2008, the Colorado Broadcasters Association recognized her with the Award of Excellence for Best News Talk personality in a major market. She was recognized again in 2011 with the Award of Merit for Best News Talk personality in a major market.

Amy earned a Bachelor of Journalism in Magazine Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master's degree in American History from the University of Northern Colorado. Amy loves sports (especially baseball), politics, and public policy. She's married to retired sheriff and current Colorado state senator John Cooke and is a mother of three and stepmom of two.