

Gwen Graham, Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs

Gwen Graham was unanimously confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs at the U.S. Department of Education on October 6, 2021. Ms. Graham honed her commitment to public service as a leader in Florida's local public schools.

Graham served as the Congressional representative from Florida's 2nd District during the 114th Congress and was known as one of the House's most bipartisan members, with a reputation for fairness, compassion, and problem-solving.

She is an attorney and prior to her service in Congress, Graham focused her practice on public education as Chief of Labor and Employee Relations for the Leon County School District. She was involved in every aspect of the educational process and was recognized for her integrity and fairness. The Florida Education Association and the Leon Classroom Teachers Association were the first organizations to endorse her Congressional candidacy. She also served as a board member of the statewide Florida Educational Negotiators.

Ms. Graham has worked on a number of presidential campaigns, and in 2004 served as John Kerry's surrogate coordinator in Florida. She previously served as a board director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida, the Florida State Parks Foundation, Ruth's List, and as Vice Chair of the City of Tallahassee Independent Ethics Board.

Graham is a proud product of public K-12 education as are her children.