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Catherine Chase is President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates), a coalition of national consumer, health, law enforcement and safety organizations and the major property-casualty insurance companies and trade associations. Advocates works to adopt federal and state laws, policies and programs that prevent motor vehicle crashes, save lives, reduce injuries and contain costs.

Since first joining Advocates in 1996, Ms. Chase has played a critical role in advancing highway and auto safety in state legislatures throughout the country and in Congress on issues including occupant protection, impaired driving, teen driving, distracted driving, consumer protections, motor vehicle and commercial motor vehicle safety. Ms. Chase also advocates for regulations to ensure the safe development and deployment of autonomous vehicles.

Because of her respected political and lobbying skills, Ms. Chase is frequently invited to speak before Congress, state legislatures and national conferences including The Atlantic Festival, SAE Government/Industry Meeting, and SXSW. She has appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, C-SPAN, NPR, and SiriusXM. Additionally, she has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *Bloomberg*, *CNN Business*, *The Hill*, and *Politico*, among others, and was published in the *Annals of Advances in Automotive Medicine (AAAM) Journal*, “U.S. State and Federal Laws Targeting Distracted Driving.” Ms. Chase was chosen to be a member of the 2016 class of the Women’s Executive Leadership Program of the Impact Center and was selected by *CQ Roll Call* as one of seventeen “People to Watch in 2019.”

Ms. Chase first joined Advocates as Legislative Assistant to the Vice President and was subsequently promoted to Director of the State Program where she lobbied in support of traffic safety laws in state legislatures throughout the country until 2003. Ms. Chase then chose to take on the challenges of stay-at-home parenting during which she also was the president of her children’s co-op preschool, served on the PTA board of their elementary school and coached numerous sports teams. Additionally, between 2005 and 2012, Ms. Chase led the Truck Safety Coalition’s government relations efforts as a consultant.

In April 2012, Ms. Chase returned to Advocates as Senior Director of Governmental Affairs, was subsequently promoted to Vice President of Governmental Affairs, and most recently became President in January 2018.

Before joining Advocates, Ms. Chase worked for non-profit organizations in Washington, D.C., including Sasha Bruce Youthworks and Street Law, for a political consultant doing national fundraising for U.S. Senators, and as a law clerk for Van Ness Feldman LLP. Prior to moving to the Washington, D.C. area, Ms. Chase served as a legislative aide in the New Jersey State Assembly and worked on a state gubernatorial campaign.

An enthusiastic volunteer for a variety of community organizations, Ms. Chase is currently on the Board of the Hope for Grieving Families organization. She is a graduate of Rutgers College and received her juris doctor from the George Washington University Law School. Ms. Chase resides in Falls Church, VA with her husband and their daughters.