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She served in the Obama Administration as senior adviser to the assistant secretary for European and Eurasian affairs at the US Department of State. In this position, she oversaw strategic messaging on Europe and Eurasia, led the Bureau's legislative efforts, and helped craft and implement US policy affecting the Europe/Eurasia region. For her work, she was awarded the Department of State's Superior Honor Award.

Previously, Naz worked on Capitol Hill as the staff director for both the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade. During her time on Capitol Hill, Naz worked on several bills that were signed into law, including sanctions legislation in response to Iran's nuclear program as well as to Russia's aggression in Ukraine; she initiated a series of hearings examining US-Turkey relations; coordinated a working group between policymakers and social media companies to help stem online terrorist recruitment; and founded a bipartisan congressional caucus on transatlantic trade and investment.

From 2013 to 2014, Naz served as the lead minority staffer on the congressional investigation into the Boston Marathon Bombing. This bipartisan effort led to a congressional report detailing necessary intelligence-sharing reforms in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security, which have since been implemented.

Naz was also legislative director to Congressman William R. Keating of Massachusetts and before that, she was a legislative assistant to two New York City Congressmen. She has served on several gubernatorial, congressional, and presidential campaigns and continues to advise Members of Congress, their staff, and companies on various foreign policy and national security matters.

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