



PRACTICES

State Government Affairs
Environmental
Federal Affairs

EDUCATION

University of Virginia Darden School of Business, The Executive Program
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Drue leverages her three decades in elective state and appointed and confirmed federal service to find strategic approaches to attain successful solutions for clients.

As a non-lawyer government affairs professional, Drue brings a wealth of experience on energy, environment, economic and national security, and natural resource issues in North America, with special expertise in Alaska and the Arctic.

Clients benefit from her experience engaging with regulatory agencies and key policy makers at state and federal levels. She brings a pragmatic approach to assist clients at all points of a project's lifecycle informed by her experience building consensus among disparate stakeholders and her involvement on significant industry advisory committees.

She also works closely with a variety of clients to strategize and develop approaches to achieving their desired legislative or regulatory changes and also provides advocacy for clients before Congress, the Executive Branch and at the state level, primarily in Alaska.

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Drue helps clients in the energy, natural resources, and manufacturing industries navigate legislative, regulatory, and government relations issues with state and federal agencies as they seek to develop resource projects or build critical infrastructure.

Drue's sophisticated natural resources experience before joining Holland & Hart includes serving as Deputy Administrator of the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) at the USDOT and as a senior advisor to U.S. Department of the Interior Secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne, primarily handling Alaska Affairs.

Drue served in the Alaska State Legislature for 17 years; 9 of those in leadership, including presiding as senate president for two terms. She was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by Congress to serve as the Federal Coordinator at the Office of Federal Coordinator for

Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects.

EXPERIENCE

Drue has extensive experience with key policies and state and federal issues including:

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Alaska National Interest Lands Act
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safe Transportation Regulation Implementation
- Rail and Marine Safety, in Particular Federal and State Contingency and Spill Planning and Response
- Environmental Justice
- State and Federal Campaign and Election Strategy
- Infrastructure Permitting
- Federal Grant Application and Administration

PUBLICATIONS

"NTSB Report on East Palestine Accident Should Spur Rail Industry-Government Cooperation," *RealClear Policy*, June 27, 2024

"Much Has Been Done to Improve Rail Safety in Wake of East Palestine," *FreightWaves*, February 1, 2024

"Alaska Shows How to Responsibly Develop Energy," *Anchorage Daily News*, November 12, 2023

"Technology Is the Key to Improved Rail Safety," *RealClear Policy*, June 12, 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Dredging Contractors of America Roundtable," *Dredging Contractors of America*, Washington, D.C., December 8, 2023

RECOGNITION

- Charter Board Member, Damage Prevention Action Center, 2023-present
- U.S. Delegation to the Arctic Council, Member, 2001-2009
- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, Federal Trustee, 2001-2006

- Inter-Agency Research Policy Council, DOI Representative, 2001-2006
- USA-Canada Arctic Research Forum, Executive Committee, 2001-2009
- Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, 2003-2009
- Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, Member, 2001-2002
- The Nautical Institute, Associate Fellow