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Mary unites diverse stakeholders across federal, tribal, and corporate interests to drive economic development and solve complex challenges in Alaska.

PRACTICES

Federal Affairs
State Government Affairs
Environmental

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources
Oil and Gas
Mining
Conventional Power

EDUCATION

University of Northern Colorado,
Attended, 1993

As a non-lawyer government affairs professional, Mary excels at bringing together unlikely allies to achieve transformative results for Alaska projects and meet clients' business goals. A member of an Alaskan tribe, she draws on her distinctive culture and experiences in federal, state, and tribal governance to help clients navigate complex regulatory and policy challenges. As both a Congresswoman and an Alaska State Representative, she honed skills and strategies to align diverse stakeholders, from federal agencies to Alaska Native communities to forge bipartisan solutions that advance critical infrastructure and resource development initiatives.

Clients benefit from Mary's deep understanding of Alaska's distinct regional ecosystems, economic drivers, and cultural landscapes. She leverages a collaborative approach and strong relationships within federal agencies, Congress, Alaska state government, and Native communities to advance client objectives and build lasting alliances among diverse stakeholders.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Mary served as Alaska's At-Large Representative in Congress, where she secured critical federal funding for infrastructure projects and natural resource development while serving on the Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. For ten years, she served as a State Representative in the Alaska Legislature. She was appointed Executive Director of the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, a role she held for five years.

EXPERIENCE

Strategic Advisory Services

- Creates coalition-building strategies
- Develops public engagement campaigns
- Manages government relations programs
- Designs stakeholder outreach initiatives
- Provides strategic counsel on Alaska-specific challenges
- Facilitates inter-governmental cooperation

Key Policy Areas

- Energy development
- Natural resource management
- Transportation infrastructure
- Environmental regulations
- Tribal sovereignty
- Federal grant programs
- Alaska Native issues
- Fisheries management

Alaska Native and Tribal Affairs

- Facilitates tribal consultation processes
- Develops co-management strategies for natural resources
- Builds consensus among tribal, federal, and state stakeholders
- Advises on Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act matters
- Coordinates tribal-corporate partnerships

Natural Resources and Infrastructure

- Guides energy and resource development projects
- Advances infrastructure funding initiatives
- Develops environmental compliance strategies
- Manages multi-stakeholder permitting processes
- Advises on fisheries management and regulations
- Coordinates federal-state resource management