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**PRACTICES**

Energy Transition

**EDUCATION**

Washington University in St. Louis

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**J. GRANT KERR**

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**Professional Background**

Grant has more than 15 years of legislative and regulatory experience at the state, federal, and international level, with a demonstrated track record of success advising elected leaders on Capitol Hill, Cabinet ministers, and C-suite executives on matters related to appropriations, energy, environment, and infrastructure policy. Grant's strong political, policy, and communications background helps clients identify funding opportunities and develop strategies that lead to successful implementation of policy and regulatory goals.

Grant began his policy career in the U.S. Senate working for Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer of New York, where he led the Senator's appropriations work. Following his time in the Senate, Grant was the lead appropriations, energy, and natural resources policy advisor to Congressman Ron Barber (D-AZ) and Legislative Director to Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-CA), where he managed the Congresswoman's work on the House Natural Resources Committee and worked with the California delegation to advance California's water and infrastructure priorities. After nearly a decade on Capitol Hill, Grant joined the British Embassy in Washington to lead the UK's Congressional Affairs efforts, with a focus on international energy policy.

**Representative Experience**

- Helped Leader Schumer unlock key FEMA aid and emergency supplemental appropriations for the State of New York in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Sandy, one of the largest natural disasters in the state's history.
- Led advocacy efforts on behalf of the UK that led to increased support on Capitol Hill for a UK-US free trade agreement post-Brexit.
- Drafted bipartisan, public-private partnership infrastructure seed grant program that was incorporated into a Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill.
- Submitted comments in response to the Biden Administration's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Grant Program proposed rule that led to the creation of business demand drivers.

**Government Service**

**United State House of Representatives**

Legislative Director, Office of Congresswoman Norma J. Torres (2015-2017)

Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Ron Barber (2013-2014)

**United States Senate**

Legislative Aide / Director of Grants and Special Projects, Office of Senator Charles Schumer (2009-2013)