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**EDUCATION**

Louisiana State University  
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**Professional Background**

Mr. Zelden is a strategic policy advisor with extensive experience in public policy, government relations, and legislative affairs. He has worked for various federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Labor, and has provided expert advice on labor law, workforce development, and economic policy. He has also served as a legislative director for U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy and Congressman Parker Griffith, where he managed complex legislative processes and coordinated with various stakeholders. Mr. Zelden holds a Master of Public Administration from Louisiana State University and a Bachelor of Arts from The Catholic University of America.

Mr. Zelden's professional background is rooted in his academic achievements and his subsequent work in public service. He earned his MPA from Louisiana State University, where he focused on public administration and policy analysis. He then served as a legislative director for U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, where he played a key role in the development and passage of several major legislative initiatives. Prior to his time with Senator Cassidy, Mr. Zelden worked for the U.S. Department of Labor, where he provided strategic advice on labor market trends, workforce development, and the impact of trade policy on the economy. His expertise in these areas has been instrumental in shaping policy and legislative outcomes. Mr. Zelden is also a frequent speaker at industry conferences and has published articles on public policy and government relations.

Mr. Zelden's work has been recognized for its impact on public policy and government relations. He has been a member of several professional organizations, including the American Political Science Association and the National Association of Public Administrators. He has also received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to public service. Mr. Zelden is currently a strategic policy advisor at Van Ness Feldman LLP, where he continues to provide expert advice on public policy and government relations to a wide range of clients. He is also a frequent speaker at industry conferences and has published articles on public policy and government relations.

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**Government Service**

**U.S. Department of Labor**

- Director of Budget and Finance for the Beachhead Team
- Director for the Center of Faith and Opportunity Initiatives (CFOI)

**Trump Transition Team, First Trump Administration**

**U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy**

- Southeast Regional Director

**Congressman Parker Griffith**

- Legislative Director and Staff Liaison to the House Energy and Commerce Committee

**Congressman Robert B. Aderholt**

- Legislative Director and Associate Staff on the Transportation and Related Agencies Subcommittee