

Government Relations

District of Columbia

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A graduate of Georgetown University and both the University of Pennsylvania's law school and Wharton School with a certificate in business and public policy, Mr. Basnayake works with developers looking to enhance their footprint in the nation's capital and lobbies the mayor of the District of Columbia and the city council on various matters regarding economic development.

Mr. Basnayake serves or has served in the following capacities for the city: ReOpen D.C. Advisory Committee, D.C. Commission on Nightlife and Culture (chairman), D.C. Vote (chairman), National Children's Museum, Mayor-Elect Muriel Bowser Transition Team, and Council Member Muriel Bowser's Representative to the CityCenterDC Residential Advisory Committee.



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Rob Hawkins focuses his practice in the areas of D.C. government relations, administrative law, federal government relations, and public relations strategies.

A graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in political science and University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Mr. Hawkins represents clients before federal, state, and local legislative, regulatory, and administrative agencies. He also advises on a variety of policy, legal, and communications matters, including drafting and reviewing legislation, executive orders, speeches, and other major communications products.

His current and previous professional experience for D.C. includes the following: ReOpen D.C. Advisory Committee, member of the Commission on Selection and Tenure of Administrative Law Judges, deputy chief of staff and communications director to the mayor, special counsel and deputy general counsel to the mayor, legislative and communications director, and counsel for the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs for the city.