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Related Services

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Jane brings more than a decade of federal government service, including senior positions in the White House, Department of Health and Human Services, and in the Senate, to solve clients' needs. She draws on a breadth of legislative and regulatory knowledge when assisting clients with legislative strategy and navigating the Legislative and Executive Branches.

Jane Lucas is a partner in Alston & Bird's Health Care and Legislative & Public Policy Groups. Before joining the firm, Jane was a White House special assistant to the President for legislative affairs where she spearheaded legislative strategy on domestic policy and solved complex problems through her detailed understanding of the legislative process and strong, bipartisan relationships with members and staff. She also served as deputy associate counsel in the Office of White House Counsel, overseeing the legal framework for regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies.

Before her time at the White House, Jane served as a senior advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services where she coordinated efforts to eliminate overly burdensome and unnecessary regulations, which resulted in the creation of the Office of Burden Reduction and Health Informatics within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Jane also spent 10 years in the Senate working for Republican Whip John Thune, most recently as his legislative director, where she strategized and advised on all matters before the Senate with a special emphasis on health care. She now uses those negotiation and tactical skills to help clients achieve success on Capitol Hill.

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business identified Jane in their annual rankings for Government Relations: Federal.

Representative Experience

- Developing and executing legislative and regulatory solutions on behalf of health care payors, health care systems, physician and provider groups, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations, and works directly with policymakers to carry proposed solutions across the finish line.
- Advising a top-tier national trade association on leveraging the interplay between Capitol Hill and the executive branch to make fundamental changes in policy.
- Drafting legislative text and regulatory comment letters to assist in the execution of client policy priorities.
- Provided client with strategic guidance, technical expertise, and policy counsel that resulted in obtaining approximately \$100 million in federal funds in a single fiscal year to finance a major initiative.

- Secured placement of a client as a witness in a Senate hearing and prepared the client and the client's testimony, including conducting simulated hearing preparation workshops.
- Created and executed the strategy for an industry coalition united against a disruptive federal regulation.
- Counseled presidentially nominated individuals through the Senate confirmation process.
- Advising clients on engaging with The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning potential business-threatening regulation.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- "Biden Executive Order on Artificial Intelligence Highlights Breadth, Challenges, and More Activity to Come," American Health Law Association, November 15, 2023.
- "Confront AI Threats With More Consistent Federal Legislation," *Bloomberg Law*, October 2023.

Presentations

- BCBS 2024 Law, Audit, Compliance & Ethics Conference, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, Nashville, TN, May 20–22, 2024.
- 2024 Medicare, Medicaid, Duals & Commercial Markets Forum, AHIP, Baltimore, MD, March 11–14, 2024.

Education

- Georgetown University (J.D., 2014)
- South Dakota State University (B.A., 2007)

Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia
- South Dakota