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Areas of Practice

Government Affairs &
 Public Policy

Education

Oklahoma State University,
 B.S., Journalism, 1988

Leslie A. Belcher

Leslie A. Belcher is a director in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is a member of the Government Affairs & Public Policy practice, focusing on government relations.

Ms. Belcher offers clients 15 years of experience advising members of Congress and directing government relations campaigns at a large public university. She has a diverse background of public- and private-sector experience and focuses on appropriations, tax, trade, energy, and health.

Before joining Steptoe, Ms. Belcher was an advisor in The Scott Group and an advisor in the Government Relations and Public Policy Practice Group at the law firm Collier Shannon Scott. She previously worked as the Assistant Director of Federal Relations at Oklahoma State University.

Additionally, Ms. Belcher has served on the staff of Congressmen Bill Brewster, Tom Cole, and Wes Watkins, working as Chief of Staff for Congressmen Cole and Watkins.

Representative Matters

- Increased direct federal appropriations by 65% to a large public university.
- Obtained earmarks for economic development projects, research projects, homeland security and defense applications, and highway projects.
- Worked on legislation providing disaster relief assistance to Gulf Coast industries.

Selected Publications

A New Opportunity For Exemption From Import Duties
 April 19, 2012, *Law360*

Renewed MTB Means Opportunity for Exemption from Import Duties
 April 5, 2012

Duty Suspension Requests Due by the End of the Month
 October 13, 2009