Areas of Work
Government Affairs & Public Policy

Overview
Leslie Belcher offers clients nearly 30 years of public and private sector experience advising members of Congress, directing government relations campaigns for a variety of clients. She advises clients on the development and implementation of federal legislative strategies, with a focus on appropriations, tax, trade, energy, and health issues, and helps clients establish their Washington presence.

Leslie has a deep understanding of the legislative process and the subtle nuances of the Republican Conference and how that intersects with policy decisions. She previously served as chief of staff for Reps. Tom Cole and Wes Watkins and a legislative director for Rep. Bill Brewster. Additionally, as a former founding Blue Dog legislative director for Rep. Brewster, Leslie can effectively provide clients with a bipartisan approach, as needed.

Bar & Court Admissions
- Leslie Belcher is a Managing Director of Government Affairs & Public Policy and does not provide legal advice.

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

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.
News & Publications

CLIENT ALERTS

Department of Education Releases CARES Act Funds
April 29, 2020
By: Scott A. Sinder, Jason Abel, Leslie A. Belcher, Alan Cohn, Chelsea Gold

CLIENT ALERTS

Resources and Assistance for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers
April 7, 2020
By: Alan Cohn, Scott A. Sinder, Jason Abel, Matthew B. Kulkin, Leslie A. Belcher, Jessica Piquet Megaw, Zachary Simmons

CLIENT ALERTS

Resources and Assistance for Institutions of Higher Education under the CARES Act
April 3, 2020
By: Jason Abel, Scott A. Sinder, Alan Cohn, Luis G. Fortuño, Leslie A. Belcher

MEDIA MENTIONS

Media Cover Steptoe's Post-Election Analysis of 2018 Midterms
November 28, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

The Reconciliation Process and Tax Reform: Background and Frequently Asked Questions
November 9, 2017
By: Leslie A. Belcher, Darryl Nirenberg

MEDIA MENTIONS

The Hill Quotes Leslie Belcher on Legislative Hurdles for Tax Reform
September 5, 2017

PRESS RELEASES

Steptoe Releases Detailed Primer on Capitol Hill's Reconciliation Process
March 21, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Demystifying Reconciliation: Understanding the Process, Its Benefits, and Its Limitations
March 17, 2017
By: Darryl Nirenberg, Leslie A. Belcher, Chelsea Gold

CLIENT ALERTS

One Week Until the 2016 Election - Public Policy Implications
November 2, 2016

MEDIA MENTIONS

Politico Features Steptoe's Government Affairs 2016 Election Alert
October 21, 2016
Events

WEBINARS

Post-Election Recap: Appropriations and Defense
Steptoe Covers the Election and Its Impact on You
December 2, 2020
Speakers: Leslie A. Belcher, Christopher Caron, Alan Cohn, Joe Corrigan

WEBINARS

Post-Election Recap: The First 48 Hours
Steptoe Covers the Election and Its Impact on You
November 5, 2020
Speakers: Jason Abel, Leslie A. Belcher, Elizabeth Hurley Burks, Douglas Kantor, Darryl Nirenberg, Scott A. Sinder

WEBINARS

Post-Election Recap
Policymaking Agenda for 2019
November 8, 2018
Speakers: Jason Abel, James D. Barnette, Leslie A. Belcher, Elizabeth Hurley Burks, George Callas, John T. Collins, Luis G. Fortuño, Micah S. Green, Kate Jensen, N. Hunter Johnston, Darryl Nirenberg, Scott A. Sinder

WEBINARS

The US-China Trade Relationship
Strategies for Coping with the New Normal
August 28, 2018
Speakers: Eric C. Emerson, Gregory S. McCue, Leslie A. Belcher, Henry Cao

WEBINARS

August Recess Tax Policy Webinar
August 16, 2017
Speakers: Jason Abel, Leslie A. Belcher, Lisa M. Zarlinga

WEBINARS

Legislative Oversight of the CFTC: A Primer
Part of the FIA Law & Compliance Division Webinar Series
May 18, 2017
Speakers: Leslie A. Belcher, Michael V. Dunn, Micah S. Green, Matthew B. Kulkin, Darryl Nirenberg

WEBINARS

Environmental Regulation in the New Administration
December 15, 2016
Speakers: Thomas M. Barba, James D. Barnette, Seth Goldberg, Cynthia L. Taub, Leslie A. Belcher, Micah S. Green

WEBINARS

Policymaking Agenda for 2017
Post-Election Recap
November 10, 2016

Previous Employment

- Chief of Staff, Congressman Tom Cole
- Chief of Staff, Congressman Wes Watkins
- Legislative Director, Congressman Bill Brewster