



PRACTICES

Government Affairs
Environmental

EDUCATION

University of Virginia Darden School of Business, The Executive Program

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Drue draws upon extensive experience in energy policy, and regulation to provide strategic governmental affairs services.

As a non-lawyer government affairs professional, Drue helps clients in the energy, natural resources, and manufacturing industries navigate legislative, regulatory, and government relations issues with state and federal agencies as they implement resource development projects. Drue brings a wealth of experience on energy, environment, economic security, and natural resources issues in North America, with special expertise in Alaska and Canada.

Clients benefit from her experience engaging with regulatory agencies and key policy makers at state and federal levels. She brings a pragmatic approach to assist clients at all points of a project's lifecycle informed by her experience building consensus among disparate stakeholders and her involvement on significant industry advisory committees.

Drue's sophisticated natural resources experience before joining Holland & Hart includes serving as Deputy Administrator of the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) at the USDOT and as a senior advisor to U.S. Department of the Interior Secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne, primarily handling Alaska Affairs.

Drue also served in the Alaska State Legislature for 17 years, presiding as senate president for two terms. She was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by Congress to serve as the Federal Coordinator at the Office of Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects.

EXPERIENCE

Drue has extensive experience with key environmental policies including:

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Clean Water Act
- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act

- Alaska National Interest Lands Act
- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safe Transportation rules and implementation

PUBLICATIONS

"Much Has Been Done to Improve Rail Safety in Wake of East Palestine," *FreightWaves*, February 1, 2024

"Technology Is the Key to Improved Rail Safety," *RealClear Policy*, June 12, 2023

RECOGNITION

- U.S. Delegation to the Arctic Council, Member, 2001-2009
- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, Federal Trustee, 2001-2006
- Inter-Agency Research Policy Council, DOI Representative, 2001-2006
- USA-Canada Arctic Research Forum, Executive Committee, 2001-2009
- Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, 2003-2009
- Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, Member, 2001-2002
- Nautical Institute, Associate Fellow