

Jennifer (Jenny) E. Perrino, Esq.

Attorney with a decade of legislative experience managing and directing labor, trade, manufacturing, defense, homeland security, and justice issues for a senior subcommittee chair on the Appropriations Committee, and previously for the former ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. Proven ability to communicate complex policy issues through oral and written means, to diverse audiences. **Holds Top Secret Clearance.**

CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE

JOE BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER, SUBCOMMITTEE LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC

JULY 2020-NOVEMBER 2020

BARACK OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT

NC CENTRAL REGION, ASSISTANT REGIONAL FIELD ORGANIZER

CHAPEL HILL, NC

SEPTEMBER 2012-NOVEMBER 2012

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE/OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN MARCY KAPTUR, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SHARED APPROPRIATIONS ASSOCIATE STAFF

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF/LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR/ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, DC

JANUARY 2020- PRESENT

JUNE 2016- PRESENT

APRIL 2014-JUNE 2016

Duties:

- Washington Office Director and top policy advisor responsible for development, coordination, and implementation of Member's legislative agenda, through Congressional processes and outside engagement; assists in management of office MRA.
- Manages and mentors 9 staff/fellows and 3-person intern cohorts on parliamentary and House committee procedure, advocacy, strategy, coalition building, and DC office coordination with district team.
- Stand-in for the Congresswoman at public engagements and speaking events when she is unavailable.
- Principal advisor on labor, workforce development, manufacturing, and trade legislative portfolios and related Labor, Commerce, and General Government Appropriations Subcommittees' accounts and programs. Focus on training and future employment opportunities; industrial base workforce challenges; retirement security; farmworker justice; international labor rights and trade matters; equity in employment opportunity; and workplace rights.
- Principal advisor on defense policy, national security, and homeland security issues for member of Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and Chair of Energy & Water Subcommittee with focus on energy innovation, defense industrial base, cybersecurity challenges, and related workforce needs; STEM youth civil/military programs; and service member skills and health.
- Advises and manages role as vice co-chair of the Congressional Labor Caucus, co-chair of the bipartisan Auto Caucus, former co-chair of the Full Employment Caucus, and on the International Workers' Rights Caucus, bipartisan Steel Caucus, bipartisan Aluminum Caucus, Democratic Manufacturing Working Group and Trade Working Group, and the Task Force on Poverty & Opportunity.
- Regularly drafts briefing memoranda, talking points, floor and Committee remarks, questions for witnesses, bills and amendments, member testimony, and oversight requests as needed; and reviews staff's work product.

Key Accomplishments:

- Redesigned office systems that improved communication, organization, and tracking of projects for the policy team, which increased overall collaboration, efficiency, and effectiveness.
- Increased appropriations request acceptance from 50% to 80% in the minority and 90% in the majority; oversees requests for inclusion of 300+ annual programmatic and language requests across 12

subcommittees; selection of 10 FY 2022 community directed funding requests; and ensures coordination and cross-pollination of efforts across accounts and staff portfolios.

- Spearheaded years-long effort to correct 2014 cuts to multiemployer pensions, including: introduction of Keep Our Pension Promises Act; GAO investigation into the Teamster's Central States Pension Fund; numerous congressional staff briefings, Member meetings, and letters; advocacy and education campaign that resulted in the culmination of the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pensions Plans and a legislative solution included in the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021.
- Researched, drafted, and led legislative effort to create an Office on Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy within the Executive Office of the President.
- Drafted and introduced legislation to establish an Independent Labor Secretariat to Protect Workers and Enforce Labor Rights in Fair Trade Agreements.
- Successfully transitioned a team of 9 to work remotely as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY/OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS, JR.,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES **WASHINGTON, DC**
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT AND SHARED ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE STAFF MARCH 2013-APRIL 2014

Duties:

- Managed and advised the Congressman on an extensive policy portfolio, including but not limited to economic development, homeland security, justice, and healthcare.
- Coordinated joint efforts with Judiciary Committee, collaborated with Obama Administration personnel, and interest groups to advance priorities.
- Supervised and managed 1 seasonal intern.

Key Accomplishments:

- Organized three congressional briefings, ghost wrote and placed opinion pieces, and expanded coalition for Full Employment and Medicare For All priorities, through HR 1000, Humphrey Hawkins Full Employment and Training Act and HR 676, Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act.
- Worked with the Congressman and key advocacy groups to establish and launch the Congressional Full Employment Caucus and Staff Task Force.
- Coordinated Jobs for All forum at the 2013 CBC Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES **WASHINGTON, DC**
DEMOCRATIC LEGAL FELLOW APRIL 2011-MARCH 2013

Duties:

- Assisted on legislative and oversight matters for Crime, Immigration, and Constitution Subcommittees.
- Staffed and briefed full and subcommittee ranking members and their staff, prepared for and assisted in hearings, including with secretaries, intelligence community leaders, and the attorney general.
- Researched, analyzed, and prepared legal briefing memorandum, Member statements, questions for witnesses, and legislation.

Key Accomplishments:

- Drafted amendments and successfully negotiated legislation with majority staff, including but not limited to reauthorization on Trafficking Victims Protection Act, USA Freedom Act, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and supported extensive coordination with the Obama Administration and coalitions.
- Principal role in the negotiation and passage of the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and opposition to the Balanced Budget Amendment of 2011.

POMERLEAU WOOD, LLP **BOSTON, MA**
DEFENSE & IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY JANUARY 2010-DECEMBER 2010

- Responsible for all stages of case management for the small firm, including but not limited to: client intake, case investigation and witness review, and court appearances for 20+ hired and assigned clients.

- Conducted extensive legal research for background memorandum, client correspondence, case preparation, and legal pleadings.
- Made dozens of court appearances with both oral and written presentation of court filings on behalf of clients in district court and federal immigration hearings.

LAW OFFICE OF EDWARD J. REDDISH

QUINCY, MA

LAW CLERK

AUGUST 2009-DECEMBER 2009

- Conducted legal research for memorandum and case management, drafted correspondence and legal pleadings for 5 cases.
- Supported trial preparation, motion hearings, and trials in district court.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC, SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

BOSTON, MA

STUDENT ATTORNEY

AUGUST 2008-MAY 2009

- SJC Rule 3:03 Certified Student Attorney, managed, advised, and represented 1 client in a complex juvenile criminal and joint delinquency case.
- Responsible for all aspects of case management, including several Boston Juvenile Court appearances.

MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES, PUBLIC DEFENDER DIVISION, SUPERIOR TRIAL UNIT

BOSTON, MA

LEGAL INTERN

AUGUST 2008-JANUARY 2009

- Aided senior staff attorneys with legal research, drafted correspondence and legal pleadings, and supported trial preparation and appearances for several cases.

VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES

BOSTON, MA

STUDENT ATTORNEY ADVOCATE

AUGUST 2006-MAY 2007

- Managed personal caseload, including client intake, legal research, drafted correspondence and legal pleadings, and advised clients under supervision of a staff attorney.

EDUCATION

U.S. Army War College Distant Education Program, Masters, Carlisle, PA

EXPECTED JULY 2022

- Major: Strategic Studies
- Team Leader for Global and Regional Issues and Interests Indo Asia-Pacific Seminar

Suffolk University Law School, Juris Doctor, Boston, MA

MAY 2009

- Honorable Mention, Best Brief Section Competition
- Dean's List: 2007-2009

East Carolina University, Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Greenville, NC

MAY 2006

- Major: Political Science; Minor: History
- Honors Program, Graduated with University Honors
- Dean's List (2002-2006)
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Varsity Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field; ECU Department of Athletics Academic Award of Excellence; Academic All-American Athletic Recognition

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Bar, 2009
- Top Secret Clearance
- Avid Marathon Runner, 14 marathons to date