



Stacy Palmer Barton, Principal

Stacy Palmer Barton is a Principal at theGROUP, where she uses her nearly two-decades-long experience on Capitol Hill and unique bipartisan background to develop and execute policy strategies that achieve results for clients.

From 2003 until 2021, Stacy worked in the House of Representatives as Chief of Staff to three Republican Members of Congress - Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), a senior Member of the House Foreign Affairs and Judiciary Committees and former Chairman of the House Small Business Committee; Congressman Mike Turner (R-OH), Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee and senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee; and former Congressman and NFL veteran Jon Runyan (R-NJ), a past Member of the House Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Natural Resources Committees.

Throughout her more than seventeen years as a Chief of Staff, Stacy counseled and guided Members of Congress through complex political and policy landscapes across a broad spectrum of issues, including defense, appropriations, economic development, small business, housing, veterans' affairs, and emergency responsiveness (e.g., Hurricane Sandy, COVID-19).

Having begun her career in Washington, D.C. as a Fellow in the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Fellowship program in the office of Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Stacy's background is a political rarity.

After departing Capitol Hill, Stacy served on the executive leadership team at SourceAmerica, as its Vice President of Government Affairs. In this role, she developed its public policy agenda and advanced its mission to help create meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. As the mother of an individual living with Autism, she is passionate about disability awareness and expanding choices for people with intellectual disabilities.

Stacy also founded and led a D.C. consulting firm, The Barton Company, where she counseled and advanced the legislative agendas of a host of municipal clients, including Gary, Indiana, Dayton, Ohio, and Richmond, Virginia.

She has been a consultant to the Kettering Foundation of Dayton, Ohio, organizing and serving as a panelist for the Foundation's annual "A Public Voice" initiative at the National Press Club. In addition, she has spoken at numerous conferences, including several public policy conferences for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and was a featured speaker at the Society's Ambassador's Ball in 2021. Stacy was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) in 2005 and is a fervent advocate for both the autism and MS communities.

Stacy is a Maryland native where she resides with her husband Lee and their two children, Morgan and Miles. She is a graduate of St. Mary College of Maryland, where she earned a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. For fun, Stacy enjoys reading and listening to audiobooks, and is a coloring book fanatic.