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Pitzer College, B.A.

Michael Collins is a savvy policy and political strategist with over 15 years of Capitol Hill experience and multiple campaigns under his belt. Over the years, he has racked up legislative and electoral victories by demonstrating shrewd political instincts and an ability to work with people in both parties, on both sides of the Capitol and on both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Collins brings that knowledge and experience to bear while advocating on behalf of Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas's clients on a broad array of issues, including energy, the environment, health care, telecommunications and technology.

During his time on Capitol Hill, Collins held multiple positions working for Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM). He was responsible for managing a Senate staff of 45 people and implementing Sen. Udall's vision and agenda for New Mexico and the country. As the Senator's Chief of Staff and top political advisor, Collins helped him navigate a difficult reelection campaign in a cycle that saw five incumbent Senate Democrats lose.

As Sen. Udall's Legislative Director in both the House and Senate, Collins honed his policy and legislative skills while working to pass several of the Senator's signature achievements: a Renewable Electricity Standard, the Valle Vidal Protection Act and tax credits for businesses hiring post-September 11 veterans.

In the House, Collins worked extensively on energy, health care, defense and military, appropriations, and tax and budget issues. He continued work in these areas in the Senate, while expanding the breadth and depth of his policy expertise to issues before the Senate Appropriations and Commerce committees.

During Sen. Udall's 2008 Senate campaign, Collins served in a senior advisory role. Initially expected to be one of the most closely contested Senate races in the country, Sen. Udall was elected to the Senate by a 21-point margin.