

MEHLMAN CASTAGNETTI

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Michael Collins is a savvy policy and political strategist with 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'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 U.S. Senator Tom Udall of New Mexico. He was responsible for managing a senate staff of 45 people and implementing Udall's vision and agenda for New Mexico and the country. As Udall's chief of staff and top political advisor, Collins helped the senator navigate a difficult reelection campaign in a cycle that saw five incumbent Senate Democrats lose.

As Udall's legislative director in both the House and Senate, Collins honed his policy and legislative skills while working to pass several of Udall's signature achievements: a Renewable Electricity Standard, the Valle Vidal Protection Act, and tax credits for businesses hiring post-9/11 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 Committees on Appropriations and Commerce.

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

Collins is a native New Mexican, born and raised in Taos. He graduated from Pitzer College in Claremont, California, with a B.A. in Political Studies.



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