

STEVE HARO

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Loyola University Chicago, B.A., M.A.

With nearly two decades of government service and political campaign experience, Steve Haro understands the process of getting things done. His policy work both in Congress and in the Executive branch has spanned countless issues, challenges and disciplines. Recognized by Hispanic Business magazine in its Top 100 Most Influential Hispanics list, his unique, broad background provides clients with a holistic view of government, policy and politics that few can match.

Prior to joining Mehlman, Castagnetti, Rosen & Thomas, Haro served as Chief of Staff to Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), where he ran the largest member office in Congress by personnel and budget. He served as the principal political and policy adviser to the four-term senator, who is number five in Senate seniority, the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, the most senior member and former chair of the Intelligence Committee, and a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

In 2015, Haro was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the Senate as Assistant Secretary for legislative and intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Commerce, one of only 24 Senate-confirmed leadership positions in the 47,000-employee, \$10-billion cabinet agency. In this role, he counseled Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker on legislative matters; provided insight to the secretary on congressional relations; and was the principal liaison for members of Congress, governors and mayors to the secretary and the department.

Previously, Haro served as Chief of Staff to Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM), first in the House and then in Senate. As the principal strategic policy and political adviser, he oversaw the tactical and budgetary day-to-day operations of the legislator's congressional and political offices, including his 2010 re-election to the House and his 2012 Senate campaign.

In 2008, Haro worked for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee as its western regional political director and national Hispanic outreach director. He provided political, financial and communications counsel to 27 targeted congressional campaigns in the 13 western states and advised congressional campaigns across the country on the best methods and strategy to turn out the Latino vote.

Earlier in his career, Haro was the senior adviser to Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA), who was then assistant to the speaker of the House. As a member of the House leadership staff, Haro counseled the congressman on major policy issues, including health care, immigration, trade, economics and the federal budget.

In 2004, Haro was the Colorado communications director and chief spokesperson for Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign. From 2000–01, he was the public affairs manager for the Los Angeles office of the international public relations firm, The MWW Group.