

Anthony Bedell, Deputy Asst. Secretary for Congressional Affairs, Dept. of Transportation, Joins Becker's Federal Lobbying Team in Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D.C., November 15, 2019 — Becker, a multi-practice commercial law firm with attorneys, lobbyists and other professionals at offices throughout the East Coast, today announced that Anthony Bedell has joined the firm as a Senior Corporate and Government Relations Director in its **Federal Lobbying** Practice based in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bedell most recently served as the U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, the number two governmental affairs position in the Office of Secretary Elaine L. Chao. He was originally appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs in May 2017.

Mr. Bedell was also a Department of Transportation representative for the Northeast Corridor Commission tasked with developing a formula to allocate capital and operating costs based on usage and facilitating collaborative planning. Prior, he was president of government relations firm Red Five Strategies and the director of federal and state government affairs for Intuit.

He has also worked for republican candidates at the local, state, and national levels and has worked on more than a dozen republican campaigns. In 2008, he was the chairman of the Budget Committee for the Republican Party of Virginia. He was elected chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee in 2009, and served two terms.

In addition to U.S. Department of Transportation, Mr. Bedell has additional executive branch experience. He was appointed as a senior legislative officer by

then-Labor Secretary Chao to handle legislative matters for the Department of Labor. He also served as associate administrator for the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Small Business Administration as chief advisor on legislative matters related to Congress and the executive branch.

Mr. Bedell was appointed by the Virginia governor to the board of Visitors of Radford University and was elected rector of the board for the 2015-2016 academic year. He was also the chairman of the Governance, Athletics, and Administration Committee and led the successful Presidential Search Committee.

Becker's Government Law & Lobbying Practice Chair **Bernie Friedman** said, "We are excited that Anthony has joined our team. We know that our clients will benefit from his legislative, corporate, and executive branch perspectives. This year, our practice has been in growth mode with the additions of Alfonso Lopez and Steven Blattner in D.C. and Alejandro Alamo, LaToya Sheals, and Mike Grissom in Florida."

Mr. Bedell added, "Becker has a well-earned reputation advising clients on federal matters. The opportunity to join the bipartisan team was something I couldn't pass up, and I am glad to help our clients navigate and succeed in today's dynamic environment."

Government Law and Lobbying has been a core practice for Becker since its founding in 1973. The firm's team of lawyers and lobbyists includes several who have served in high-level government positions and distinguished themselves in the political and legislative arenas and in state, local, and federal government. The group's first-hand working knowledge of government, at every level, provides clients with valuable insights, unparalleled access and a deep understanding of the legislative, administrative and regulatory processes to help navigate the maze of government.

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