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Steve O. Palmer

Vice President

Steve Palmer has spent his career immersed in aviation and surface transportation policy. As a Vice President, he leads Van Scoyoc Associates' transportation practice, developing and implementing advocacy efforts for public sector and corporate clients on legislative initiatives, appropriations, competitive grants, and administrative actions before Congress and Executive Branch agencies.

Steve's knowledge of the nuances of transportation policy make him an expert at drafting legislative solutions to address client needs. His relationships with key transportation leaders in the House and Senate, as well as senior officials at the Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Homeland Security, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB), make him uniquely effective in building support for client initiatives.

Prior to joining VSA, Steve spent five years as DOT's Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs. He was the key legislative strategist for the Secretary of Transportation, working with the Congress, White House, OMB, and Administrators of each of the DOT modal agencies. He also coordinated competitive grant activities for airports, highways, transit, rail, and other infrastructure programs, giving him a unique perspective on how to help clients successfully compete for federal grant funds.

Steve also served for ten years in senior positions on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, including Staff Director of the Aviation Subcommittee. He began his congressional career as an analyst on the Senate Budget Committee and came to Washington, D.C. after being selected in the nationally-competitive Presidential Management Intern Program.

Steve received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., and his Masters of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

Geoff Bowman

Vice President

Geoff Bowman is one of the nation's leading policy professionals on water resources and infrastructure policy. Having spent 15 years as a Professional Staff Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Geoff offers clients an insider's perspective on the policy, players, and politics involved in those issues.

Geoff was most recently the Staff Director of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, where he shepherded passage of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016. Prior to that, he was instrumental in the passage of WRDA 2007 and WRRDA 2014. Geoff has also worked closely with the many federal agencies under the

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Committee's jurisdiction, including the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the International Boundary Water Commission, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Geoff's nearly two decades of water resources, water quality, natural resources, and infrastructure policy experience make him a valuable commodity to States, communities, and other organizations looking to partner with the federal government. He has expertise in Rivers and Harbors Acts, Flood Control Acts, Water Resources Development Acts, the Clean Water Act, and various other environmental laws and statutes. Geoff is able to guide clients through both the legislative process and the bureaucracy at the Corps, EPA, and other relevant federal agencies.

Geoff spent his formative years on Capitol Hill working for Congressman Walter Jones of eastern North Carolina. A graduate of Elon University in Burlington, North Carolina, he lives with his wife, 2 young daughters, and 2 dogs in Annapolis, Maryland.

Ashley Strobel

Director, Government Relations

Ashley Strobel joined VSA in 2020. As a Director of Government Relations, Ashley brings federal advocacy experience in water resources, natural resources, appropriations, and integrative health issues. In her role at VSA, Ashley provides strategic and technical assistance for a variety of clients, including municipalities, ports, water districts, and infrastructure associations.

Prior to joining VSA, Ashley spent three years at the lobbying firm Williams & Jensen, where she was responsible for helping manage clients' federal advocacy needs on various policy issues, including energy, health care, natural resources, tax, and pensions. In 2017, Ashley interned for Congressman Andy Biggs (AZ-05) on Capitol Hill. She also worked on the late Senator John McCain's 2016 re-election campaign.

Ashley is a native of Southern California and received her bachelor's degree in Political Science and Sustainability from Arizona State University in 2017.

Brian Robinson

Vice President and General Counsel

Brian Robinson serves as legal advisor for VSA's President and Vice Presidents providing legal advice on both internal operations and client matters. He is integrally involved in the firm's management of legal and regulatory matters, responsible for compliance issues both at the Federal and state levels, and assists in the pursuit of business development opportunities. Brian is responsible for drafting, negotiating, and reviewing contracts, learning and advising on new areas of the law, and partnering with

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the Human Resources and Accounting departments in risk management, cost-control measures, and overall strategic planning.

Brian spent over five years on Capitol Hill as Legislative Counsel for both Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D, TX-18) and Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald (D, CA-37). In this capacity, he advised the Members on appropriations, transportation, veteran, military affairs and judicial issues. Brian also served as Congresswoman Millender-McDonald's liaison with the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, developing a firm grasp of transportation policy and the legislative process, while preparing for committee proceedings.

In addition to his Congressional experience, Brian served in the United States Army Reserves. Brian held various command and staff positions of increasing responsibility, including during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was awarded a Bronze Star. He routinely supervised and directed 10 to 100 subordinates in combat and noncombat support units.

A native of Washington, DC, Brian received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from LaSalle University and a Juris Doctor from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. He and his wife live in Washington, DC's LeDroit Park neighborhood with their three children.