

LILIA MCFARLAND HORDER



Lilia McFarland Horder works closely with clients to solve complex issues and navigate opportunities.

Lilia joined Monument as a Principal in April 2020, bringing with her a wealth of experience in federal government, agriculture policy, and Congressional relations.

Most recently, she served as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Departmental Administration Acting Chief of Staff helping lead management efforts across USDA in the areas of contracting, national security, customer service, human resources, property and fleet management, and more.

During her time at USDA, she led USDA's federal government initiative to support and provide resources to the next generation of agriculture, including new and beginning farmers, veterans, women in agriculture, farmland owners in transition, and youth. During the five years in which she served as the USDA New Farmer Coordinator, she supported leadership's vision for strategic initiative management, guided cross-USDA outreach and technical assistance, and led a key partnership between USDA and NASA to inspire youth in the intersection of agriculture, science, and exploration.

In addition to these policy and administration positions, Lilia also served as the Acting Chief of Staff in the USDA Office of the Deputy Secretary for then Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden. In this role, she established the processes and protocols for the office and supported the development of the Deputy Secretary's signature initiatives around new and beginning farmers and ranchers and women in agriculture.

Lilia has deep roots in Congressional Relations and public affairs. In addition to serving a year long legislative fellowship in the Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein from California, focusing on farm bill and agriculture appropriations, Lilia worked in multiple positions in USDA liaising with Congress on a wide range of issues, including food safety, trade, disaster assistance, risk management, credit and international food security. She also has experience representing the federal government to state, regional, national, and international stakeholders, participating in both on the record and on background interviews with the press, and doing televised interviews.

Lilia was recognized in 2016 as a finalist for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America medals, which recognizes federal government employees who make significant contributions to the governance of the United States, and with an Honorary American FFA Degree in 2018.

Originally from Deep East Texas, Lilia earned her degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Lilia currently lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband.