



A former Senior Republican Senate staffer, T.A. Hawks knows what it takes to successfully navigate Congress and D.C. At Monument Advocacy, he helps its clients understand the current political environment as well as provides expertise on appropriations, defense, national security, public lands, agriculture, forestry, and nutrition issues.

He joined the firm in 2015 after serving as the Republican Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, where he worked to develop, negotiate and pass the five year reauthorization of federal agriculture and nutrition assistance programs known as the Farm Bill. In this effort, T.A. led a senior staff in bipartisan, bicameral negotiations and worked with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell's office to ensure successful passage of this legislation. In addition, T.A. guided Agriculture Committee staff in fulfilling their role of conducting oversight of all agencies under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Forest Service, the Farm Credit Corporation, and the Commodity Futures Trading.

Prior to serving on the Agriculture Committee, for four years T.A. was Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS), where he served as Senator Cochran's primary legislative and political advisor. He managed a staff of nearly 40 people in both the Washington, D.C. office and three Mississippi offices. In this role, T.A. advised Senator Cochran on the annual appropriations process, where he served as Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations and also as the Vice Chairman of its Subcommittee on Defense. In addition to these policy and political efforts, T.A. served as Senator Cochran's liaison to the Smithsonian Institution, where he was a member of its governing Board of Regents. This Board oversees the Smithsonian's nineteen museums and nine research institutions, which are as broad as the Smithsonian-Harvard Astrophysical Observatory to the current construction of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Before working as Chief of Staff, T.A. served for eight years in a variety of roles in Cochran's office: Legislative Director, Deputy Legislative Director, Legislative Assistant and Legislative Aide. During this time T.A. served as a key staff member to assist in the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

T.A. has participated in several bipartisan organizations meant to foster discussion and relationships among Senate and House staff and between political parties. He was an active participant in the Bipartisan Chiefs of Staff Group, the Chiefs of Staff Foreign Affairs Discussion Group, the Senate Bipartisan Legislative Directors Group, and the Partnership for a Secure America fellowship. In addition, T.A. was chosen to participate in the 111th Congress Stennis Fellows program, a bipartisan, bicameral senior staff leadership development and discussion group, and recent years has served as mentor to Stennis Emerging Leaders.

T.A. lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two children.