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As a member of the Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Group, Jeff Berman utilizes his distinguished background to provide strategic counsel to clients on public policy issues involving the White House, federal agencies and departments, Capitol Hill, and state and local governments.

Mr. Berman successfully served as the national delegate director for the Obama presidential campaign, leading the historic charge to assemble the 2008 delegate majority to nominate Barack Obama for president. This included developing delegate strategy, targeting states and congressional districts, supervising ballot access, selecting Obama delegates, overseeing state conventions and caucuses and tracking all delegates to the Democratic National Convention to assure Obama's nomination. At the National Convention, Mr. Berman oversaw the development of the 2008 Democratic Party platform, the creation of the Democratic Party Change Commission to reform national Democratic Party rules, and the resolution of all credentials controversies, including those involving the Florida and Michigan primaries. Berman also negotiated the National Convention nominating procedures to guarantee a unified convention vote for Obama. Following the election, Mr. Berman was appointed to serve on the Democratic Party Change Commission and on the Democratic National Committee and its Rules and By-Laws Committee.

Mr. Berman previously served as a longtime adviser to former House of Representatives Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt, working as a senior political adviser to Leader Gephardt from 1987-2004, including formal roles in his 1988 and 2004 presidential campaigns. Mr. Berman began his career in politics in former Ohio Sen. John Glenn's presidential campaign in 1983-84, subsequently serving under Chairman Glenn as counsel to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

In addition to his work in politics, Mr. Berman has spent many years in private practice in Washington, advising clients on legislative and regulatory matters. His experience also includes the negotiation of agreements that are subject to compliance with federal regulations and international agreements.

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, 1982
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