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Jennifer Stewart has more than seven years of public policy and government relations experience, with a focus in health care, education and trade. Prior to joining Bryan Cave, she served as a senior manager in the federal government affairs department for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals (AZ). Stewart also worked on Capitol Hill, serving as legislative director to Congressman Gregory W. Meeks (D-NY) and legislative assistant to Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX).

At AZ, Stewart served as senior manager. In this role she built and strengthened AZ's relationships with Democratic members of Congress and a range of ally and advocacy groups, including the Congressional Black Caucus and its foundation and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and its institute. In addition, she helped develop action plans to implement AZ's federal government affairs objectives, enhanced the company's reputation and advance its legislative and external communications agenda. During Stewart's time at AZ, she provided the company with an opportunity to truly connect with Democratic members of Congress, their staffs and their constituents.

Stewart's experience in the government sector includes her tenure as legislative director to Congressman Gregory W. Meeks (D-NY). As legislative director, she served the congressman, Washington, D.C., legislative staff and congressional district staff. She also oversaw all legislative operations in the office, worked with colleagues of differing political parties and directed district events. Stewart also drafted legislative, testimony and appropriation measures and served as a key point of contact for congressional committees, constituents and advocacy groups.

Stewart serves on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Corporate Advisory Board, N Street Village's Honorary Board, the National Breast Cancer Foundation's Annual Fundraiser Committee, YMCA Washington's DC Youth and Government Advisory Board and is a lifetime member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

Raised in Shreveport, La., Stewart received a master's degree in political management from George Washington University in 1999 and a bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola University of New Orleans in 1997. She is a Ph.D. candidate at American University.

Education

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Associations and Affiliations

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