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Areas Of Practice

Government Policy & Practice
Government Reorganization and
Restructuring
Administrative Law & Regulation
Political Compliance, Elections &
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Higher Education
Title IX

Education

Virginia Tech University, Ph.D.,
Public Administration/Public
Affairs, 2019

University of Michigan, M.A.,
Liberal Studies, 1996

Michigan State University, B.A.,
International Relations, 1990

James Brandell is the leader of Dykema's federal government relations team. With more than 20 years of government relations experience on state, federal and international levels, Dr. Brandell has extensive experience crafting and implementing legislative and political strategy; attracting, managing and retaining talented staff; and developing and managing multimillion dollar budgets.

Dr. Brandell has a proven track record of advancing important issues through the legislative process, and has strong professional relationships in both major political parties. He has a well-developed network of diverse global and Capitol Hill contacts with senior staff, members of Congress, foreign diplomats, heads of trade associations, members of the media, as well as key state and local leaders across the country.

As Chief of Staff to Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp for over a decade, Dr. Brandell led Chairman Camp's team on successful legislative issues, including trade agreement implementation, the first comprehensive tax reform bill in a generation, and health care reform proposals. He served as chief liaison with Congressional leadership and the White House.

Active in leadership roles at the state level, Dr. Brandell was Deputy Chief of Staff to Michigan Governor John Engler, where he served as chief liaison to all state and national political organizations and managed several administrative divisions within the executive office.

In addition, he worked overseas for an international nonprofit, where he opened its Serbia office, managing U.S. government grants in excess of \$2 million. He conducted country-wide focus groups; helped develop public opinion surveys for use in national elections; and organized election monitoring missions.

Throughout his career, Dr. Brandell has spent significant time working on Congressional and Presidential campaigns. He managed major political activities for Chairman Camp, including fundraising and leadership PAC committees. He is also involved in numerous charitable efforts, including serving on the board of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Brandell has a bachelor's of arts degree in international relations from Michigan State University, a master's of arts degree in liberal studies in American culture from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate in public administration and public affairs from Virginia Tech University.

James Brandell, Ph.D. (Cont.)

Seminars & Speeches

Government Enforcement in the Biden Administration: Will Everything Old Be New Again?
December 10, 2020

Webinar: USMCA-CUSMA-TMEC a practical approach from a multijurisdictional perspective
September 23, 2020

USMCA: From Origins to Uniform Regulations—An Overview of the Trade Agreement
June 18, 2020

Briefing on Trade Policy & Environmental Provisions
March 26, 2019

Legislative and Regulatory Update, Dykema's 2018 Financial Industry Group Meeting
November 9, 2018

Jim Brandell to Moderate Panel with Texas Representative Lloyd Doggett
January 31, 2018

Publications

"USMCA Succeeds NAFTA Rule Governing Trade in North America"
August 25, 2020
Risk Management

News

Dykema's Government Policy Podcast: Washington, D.C., Outlook — February 2019
February 15, 2019

Jim Brandell Discusses Tax Cut Counterbalances with *BNA Daily Tax Report*
October 2, 2017

Community/Civic Activities

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Washington, D.C., Board Member