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Paul S. Bock is a partner in Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C., office and a member of the firm's Public Policy & Regulation Practice Group. Mr. Bock has more than 20 years of experience working with key decision-makers in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, including lawmakers, senior staff members and interest groups involved in public policy. He has an extensive government relations background and has developed and executed legislative strategies on a broad range of judiciary issues, including gun control, immigration, data security and data privacy, and tax reform. Mr. Bock also has extensive experience and knowledge in healthcare, antitrust, financial services, agriculture, transportation and energy.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Bock's background includes acting as legal counsel and being a political consultant to a wide range of business interests. As vice president of Capitol Strategies, LLC, he was responsible for planning and implementing legislative strategies for numerous corporate and governmental clients. He assisted clients in Fortune 500 companies in the telecommunications, banking/financial services and pharmaceutical industries, among other business sectors.

As chief of staff for Senator Herb Kohl (D-Wis.) for 12 years (1997-2009), Mr. Bock was responsible for formulating and implementing the senator's legislative agenda through the creation of effective bipartisan coalitions with members of the Senate, House and the administration, along with outside interest groups. While serving as Sen. Kohl's chief of staff, Mr. Bock was particularly effective at developing networks of government contacts bringing together members of both parties to address a range of policy topics. Prior to becoming the senator's chief of staff, Mr. Bock served as counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Government Information.

Previous experience includes working as an attorney at another law firm in its Washington, D.C., office for three years where he handled diverse legal and legislative issues in the areas of litigation and government affairs. Mr. Bock served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Oliver Wanger, Eastern District of California.