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Before starting her career in government affairs, Ms. Kachel was the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee at the time. Her duties included advising the Senator on appropriations and other legislative issues, drafting testimony and press releases, and representing the Senator in meetings with state and local government officials and business leaders. Prior to her position in the U.S. Senate, Ms. Kachel served as a legislative aid to Maryland State Senator John C. Astle (D-Annapolis), Vice Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, where she assisted with banking and insurance policy issues, as well as constituent casework.

Ms. Kachel holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Maryland College Park and a dual M.A. in Government and M.B.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Kachel is a two-time awardee of the Bryce Harlow Foundation (BHF) Fellowship, which is committed to enhancing the quality of professional advocacy and increasing the understanding of its essential role in the development of sound public policy.

Ms. Kachel is past Chair of the BHF Alumni Advisory Board. Ms. Kachel is also a Co-Chair of the Women in Government Relations (WGR) Transportation & Infrastructure Task Force. WGR is the premier, non-partisan professional society for those who have responsibilities and interests in the field of government relations and/or public affairs. Founded in 1975, WGR has over 1200 members at every career level of government relations representing a wide array of private, non-profit, and public sector organizations.