

DENNIS MICHAEL KELLEHER

EXPERTISE

Public policy advocacy and legal practice in the administrative, regulatory, legislative, executive, and judicial arenas, as well as in the media across all platforms; law, including in state and federal courts; various international bodies (i.e., EU, EC, BIS, ECB, FSB, etc.); the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and the Executive Branch; economic policy; financial reform, regulation, and policy; global regulation and relations with a focus on the U.K. and E.U.

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

10/10-present **Co-Founder, President, Chief Executive Officer, Director**
Better Markets, Inc.

Manage a team of substantive experts in litigation, regulation, rulemaking, legislation, public advocacy, and research to ensure that the economy works for all Americans and is supported by a stronger, safer, more balanced financial system; participated in more than 400 rule makings, 25 legal cases, 4,000 media inquiries, 250 meetings with high level government officials, 150 live TV appearances, 100 radio appearances, 50 Op Eds, 35 speeches, 12 media profiles and documentaries, 10 testimonies before Congress and other fora; lead a national fundraising campaign from individuals and foundations.

GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2/06-9/10 **Chief Counsel and Senior Leadership Advisor**
Chairman, Senate Democratic Policy Committee
Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND),

Responsibilities included legal counsel to Chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee and senior member of Senate leadership; Senate and bicameral leadership activities; Senate floor activities; speechwriter; coordination with legislative, communications, committees and other leadership staff; and developing Senator's national political, policy and legislative agenda, including economic policy, financial, financial reform and financial crisis response, energy, health care, labor, Department of Justice and judiciary matters, media, international relations, foreign policy, defense, intelligence, counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence; (Member of Appropriations Committee, Chair Energy and Water Subcommittee; Member Energy and Natural Resources Committee; Member Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; Chairman, Indian Affairs Committee); work related travel included Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Dubai and Spain. Top Secret Security Clearance.

5/04-2/06 **Legislative Director, Leadership Advisor**
Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD)
Secretary of the Democratic Caucus

Responsibilities included Senate leadership duties associated with the third ranking position in Democratic leadership; direction and supervision of legislative staff; organization and management of Senator's legislative agenda in all areas, including defense, veterans affairs, foreign policy, intelligence, education, pensions, health care, housing, transportation, judiciary, crime, immigration, technology/innovation, budget, tax and economic policy; and, coordination with Appropriations

Committee staff on Commerce, Science, Justice Subcommittee, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP) staff on Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee, and staff on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Top Secret Security Clearance.

1996 **Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel**
United States Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources
Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Ranking Member

Responsibilities included supervision and direction of committee's 20+ minority staff, including all authorizing actions related to education, labor, health care and pensions; coordination with personal office and other Kennedy committee staff (including Judiciary Committee and Armed Services Committee); coordination with other committees (Budget and Finance Committees in particular) and Democratic leadership and floor staff; coordination with White House; worked on economic issues (Fed policy, corporate structure, tax policy, etc), Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Food and Drug Administration reform, Fair Labor Standards Act, MedGuide legislation, Lodine provision removal, FAA reauthorization, flextime/comptime legislation, among other issues and bills.

LAW FIRM EXPERIENCE

1997-2004 **Partner, Litigation**
1987-1996 **Associate, Litigation**
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Securities, financial markets, corporate conduct and misconduct; crisis management; officer and board member duties (including '40 Act mutual fund boards and advisers); complex securities litigation; mergers and acquisitions; trade secrets, confidential information and non-competition agreements; SEC, regulatory and internal corporate investigations; cross border disputes; white collar defense; US and European practice, including client matters in England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Spain; extensive court experience, including state and federal jury and non-jury trials.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

5/76 - 8/80 **United States Air Force**, Honorably Discharged,
Sergeant, Crash/Rescue flight line/structural firefighter.

EDUCATION

Legal: **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts
J.D., Cum Laude, 1987
Journal on Legislation

College: **Brandeis University**, Waltham, Massachusetts
B.A., Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors in English and American Literature and Highest Honors in Politics, 1984; Phi Beta Kappa.