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Areas of Focus

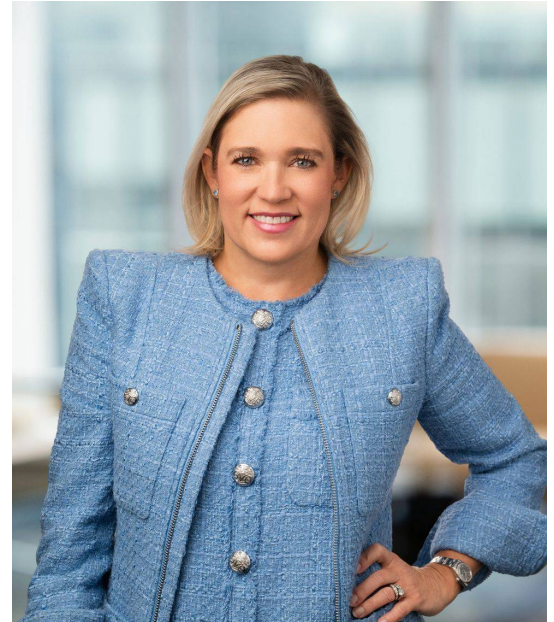
Congressional
Investigations

Government Controversies
and Public Policy Litigation

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Overview

Ashley Callen serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Congressional Investigations Practice and is a member of the Government Controversies Practice, bringing 25 years of service in senior legal and oversight roles in the US Congress to her representation of clients engaged with the federal government. As a former top legal advisor to House Republican leadership, Ashley is trusted by clients navigating congressional inquiries, high-stakes public hearings, and complex oversight matters. Her deep knowledge of Capitol Hill—paired with strategic judgment and strong bipartisan relationships—makes her a go-to resource for managing the legal and reputational risks that accompany government investigations.

Throughout her career, Ashley has counseled top Republican leaders through some of the most politically sensitive and high-profile investigations in recent history, including presidential impeachment proceedings and pandemic-era oversight. She is known for her skill in preparing senior officials for testimony, designing effective investigative strategies, and providing steady guidance at the intersection of law, politics, and public scrutiny.

Before joining Jenner, Ashley served as General Counsel to Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) and as General Counsel to Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA). She held senior investigative and leadership positions across several key House committees—including as Deputy Staff Director for the Oversight and Government Reform Committee under Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY); as Chief Oversight Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee under Ranking Member Doug Collins (R-GA); and as General Counsel and Oversight Subcommittee Staff Director at the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and Deputy Chief Counsel for Oversight at the Agriculture Committee.

under Chairmen Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Mike Conaway (R-TX), respectively. She was also the lead Republican staffer on the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis working closely with then-Republican Whip Steve Scalise's team.

Ashley began her public service career in the US Senate with her home-state senator and later served in the Office of the Air Force General Counsel where she worked on suspension and debarment cases. She earned her BA in English from the University of South Carolina and her JD from the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University.

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- Energy
- Critical and Emerging Technologies
- Global Crisis Management and Strategic Risk

Representative Matters

- Prepared the head of a large public college system to testify before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce during a high-profile investigation into antisemitism on college campuses.
- Prepared several members of President Biden's Cabinet, including the former OMB Director and Acting Secretary of Labor, for transcribed interviews with the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations regarding the President's health and mental acuity during his time in office.
- Advised President Clinton and Secretary of State Clinton in response to subpoenas for depositions issued by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform during a high-profile investigation.

Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Education

- George Mason University School of Law, JD
- University of South Carolina, BA

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Capitol Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2025
- Distinguished Alumna of the Year, George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School, 2024

Community

- Antonin Scalia Law School, Dean's Alumni Advisory Board
- University of South Carolina, McCausland College of Arts and Sciences, Board of Visitors
- Member and Presenter, Federalist Society

Industry

- EqualAI, Senior Advisor
- GlobalWIN, Advisory Council Member
- Congressional Institute, Alliance Partner and Presenter