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OVERVIEW

David Skillman is a partner in the firm's Public Policy and Law practice group. Prior to joining the firm, David served as counsel to a senior member of the Ways and Means Committee in Congress for more than a decade and as a managing director at an international law firm. He advises clients seeking to enact tax, trade, and energy legislation, draft regulatory comments, and secure regulatory changes. He regularly advocates before Congress, the White House, and executive branch agencies.

During his Congressional service, David drafted and secured the enactment of legislation supporting renewable energy tax incentives, including expansions of the investment tax credit, the production tax credit, and credit monetization provisions, as well as a variety of other changes to corporate, individual, and excise taxes. He staffed the Congressional Trade Working Group during the negotiations that led to passage of the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, as well as supported Congressional engagement on a wide variety of bilateral and multilateral trade initiatives, including passage of Trade Promotion Authority, reauthorization of Customs programs, and Congressional approval of various bilateral agreements, including with Peru, Panama, South Korea, and Colombia.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *The Hill*'s “Top Lobbyists: Hired Guns,” 2022-2024

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Lecturer, George Washington University

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2006
- B.A., Colorado College, 1999

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Oregon
- Supreme Court of the United States

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 3 November 2026, New Majorities, New Gavels: What Congressional Turnover Means for Business
- 29 October 2026, Data Center Deep Dives: From Industrial Site to Data Center
- 11 September 2026, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 14
- 3 August 2026, FCC Adds Foreign-Produced Advanced Robotic Devices to the Covered List: Five Things to Know
- 3 August 2026, FCC Adds Foreign-Produced Power Inverters to the Covered List: Five Things to Know
- 1 May 2026, IRS Issues Guidance on Material Assistance From a Prohibited Foreign Entity for Clean Energy Tax Credits, *Pratt's Energy Law Report*
- 3 March 2026, Treasury Proposes Clean Fuel Production Credit Guidance
- 2 March 2026, IRS Issues Guidance on Material Assistance From a Prohibited Foreign Entity for Clean Energy Tax Credits
- November 2025, How the New Prohibited Foreign Entity Rules Will Impact Clean Energy Tax Credits
- 11 November 2025, Senate Finance Committee Takes Up Taxation of Digital Assets
- 22 October 2025, OBBBA Offers Important Incentive to Encourage Manufacturing, Production, and Refining in the United States
- September 2025, NYC Climate Week Roundtable Panel Discussion and Happy Hour
- 18 September 2025, Understanding the New Prohibited Foreign Entity Rules for Clean Energy Tax Credits
- August 2025, How the New Beginning of Construction Rules Will Impact Wind and Solar Projects
- 18 August 2025, IRS Notice 2025-42: What Renewable Developers Need to Know on Beginning of Construction Rules
- 12 August 2025, New US Proposals to Change How Digital Assets, Virtual Currencies, and Cryptocurrencies Are Taxed Could Significantly Impact the Industry
- 8 August 2025, Amendments to Section 1202 Tax Exclusion for Sale of Qualified Small Business Stock Provide to Lift to Startups and Angel Investors

- 8 August 2025, Budget Reconciliation Law Puts Beginning of Construction in the Spotlight
- 23 July 2025, Navigating the One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Critical Updates to Clean Energy Credits
- 9 July 2025, Tax Changes in the Final Budget Reconciliation Bill
- June 2025, The Section 899 Retaliatory Tax
- May 2025, A Closer Look at the House Ways and Means Budget Reconciliation Legislation–Process and Policies

NEWS & EVENTS

- 4 December 2025, Embassy Series: Navigating US Tax Incentives: Federal and State Opportunities for Global Businesses
- 2 October 2025, Pittsburgh-Mexico Trade, Supply Chain Partnerships, and USMCA Conference
- 8 May 2025, K&L Gates Enhances Public Policy and Law Practice With Pair of Partners in Washington, D.C.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 2 January 2026, *Law360* | Top International Tax Policy To Watch In 2026

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, “Top International Tax Policy To Watch In 2026,” *Law360*, 2 January 2026
- Quoted, “Get Ready for a Parade of Technical Corrections on Tax Bill,” *Tax Notes*, 6 August 2025
- Quoted, “A Business Spotlight on the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act,'” *New Jersey Business Magazine*, 17 July 2025
- Quoted, “Lobbyists Are in 'Mad Dash' to Influence Senate GOP Tax Bill,” *Bloomberg Tax*, 24 June 2025

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security
- Tax
- US Congressional Investigations

INDUSTRIES

- Critical Minerals

- Energy