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OVERVIEW

Laurie Purpuro is a government affairs counselor in the firm's Public Policy and Law practice group. Drawing on experience in the executive branch, on Capitol Hill, and in the private sector, she advises clients on federal policy, legislative strategy, and funding opportunities, with a focus on critical minerals and energy policy, as well as industrial decarbonization, sustainability, and environmental matters.

Laurie leads the firm's Critical Minerals Industry Group, where she advises mining, processing, manufacturing, and technology companies on the rapidly evolving federal critical minerals policy landscape. She helps clients navigate congressional and executive branch initiatives related to domestic supply chains, strategic materials, energy security, advanced manufacturing, and federal funding opportunities. She regularly advises domestic and international companies on federal funding programs, supply chain initiatives, permitting-related policy developments, and engagement strategies with Congress and federal agencies. She also advises clients on securing and leveraging federal grants, loans, and other government funding opportunities to support energy, manufacturing, and critical minerals projects.

Prior to joining the firm, Laurie served as senior policy advisor to the Secretary of the US Department of Energy, where she advised on a broad range of energy and environmental initiatives. She also brings more than a decade of Capitol Hill experience, having served as deputy chief of staff to Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI) and as legislative director to Congressman Jim Saxton (R-NJ) and Congressman Bob Davis (R-MI). In these roles, she advised Members of Congress on issues involving energy, environmental policy, tax, appropriations, natural resources, and agriculture.

In addition to her government service, Laurie served as director of government relations for the American Forest & Paper Association, where she represented industry interests before Congress on environmental, transportation, and natural resource issues.

Laurie's energy practice includes advising clients on energy efficiency, clean energy deployment, and emissions reduction policies. She has extensive experience with the ENERGY STAR® program and assists clients in developing regulatory comments, engaging policymakers, and advancing legislative and appropriations strategies. She also supports clients pursuing policies that encourage innovation in carbon management, carbon utilization, and other emissions reduction technologies.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "NGA Glass Conference: Isle of Palms," February 2024
- "Regulatory, Rules and Requirements Revisited: Part II of a Discussion on Requirements Applicable to Foreign and Domestic Purchasers of U.S. Agricultural Property," American Agricultural Law Association Annual Agricultural Law Symposium, November 2023

EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1988 *(Political Science)*

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 1 October 2026, Department of Energy Seeks Input on Opening Legacy Critical Mineral Inventories for Industry Use
- 11 September 2026, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 14
- 22 July 2026, USGS Discovers 2.3-Million-Ton Appalachian Lithium Deposit
- 26 January 2026, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 13
- 6 October 2025, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 12
- May 2025, Energy Policy in the Trump Administration Webinar Series–Session 7: Renewable Energy
- 6 May 2025, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 11
- 30 April 2025, REBO Quarterly: Volume 2
- 7 March 2025, President Trump Touts America First Energy Dominance Agenda to Congress
- 3 February 2025, REBO Quarterly: 2024 in Retrospect
- 22 January 2025, Trump Issues Sweeping Executive Order Declaring National Energy Emergency
- 8 January 2025, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 10
- December 2024, Energy Policy Under Full Republican Control
- 21 August 2024, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 9
- 30 April 2024, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 8
- 27 December 2023, Real Estate Beneficial Ownership Regulatory Alert: USDA Seeks Input on Information Reporting for Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land
- 28 November 2023, Lay of the Land: Economic Development Incentives: What Businesses Should Know
- 29 September 2023, Impacts of a Government Shutdown: Executive and Congressional Meetings

- 26 September 2023, Impacts of a Government Shutdown: Government Contractors
- 20 September 2023, Introduction: Impacts of a Government Shutdown
- 24 July 2023, Real Estate Beneficial Ownership Regulatory Alert: Complying With Foreign Ownership Reporting Requirements in US Real Estate
- June 2023, Tax Credit Revolution: Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Tax Credit
- 22 December 2022, Carbon Quarterly – Special Edition
- December 2022, December 2022 Accolades - Part 2
- 18 August 2022, Welcome to the Tax Credit Revolution: New Opportunities for the Energy Industry in the Inflation Reduction Act
- 10 August 2022, Ensuring Energy Security Section in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
- 7 July 2022, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 6
- 16 March 2022, Calling All Hydrogen Players!
- 16 February 2022, 90 Days of Infrastructure - Where Are We Now?
- 11 January 2022, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 5
- January 2022, January 2022 Accolades
- 16 November 2021, U.S. Congress Secures Final Passage of Historic Investment in Infrastructure
- 15 November 2021 , U.S. Congress Secures Final Passage of Historic Investment in Infrastructure
- 11 November 2021, Hydrogen Rising: It Really is Infrastructure Week! Congress Passes Historic Infrastructure Bill Offering Massive Opportunities for the Build Out of the Hydrogen Economy.
- 2 September 2021, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 4
- 16 June 2021, U.S. Department of Energy and Capitol Hill Advance Hydrogen Priorities
- 11 May 2021, Federal Initiatives to Accelerate the Growth of Clean Energy and Carbon Capture
- 22 April 2021, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 3
- 5 March 2021, What a Clean Future Means For Maritime
- 4 February 2021, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 2
- 14 January 2021, Predicting the Biden Administration's Impact on the U.S. Maritime Industry
- 13 January 2021, Opportunities for Hydrogen in the Biden Administration
- 29 December 2020, Climate Policy in the End-of-Year Legislative Package

- 23 December 2020, The Sun Also Rises: Congress Votes to Stimulate the Renewable Energy, Efficiency, Carbon Capture, and Storage Industries
- 23 December 2020, COVID-19: Tax Issues Addressing Pandemic Relief and Extenders Feature Prominently in Year-End Legislation
- 10 November 2020, Post-election Forecast: Tax Policy Agenda is Clearer but Still Hazy
- 5 November 2020, Energy & Environmental Policy in the Next Administration
- 8 October 2020, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 1
- 23 January 2020, Industry Predictions for 2020 From the Maritime Professionals at K&L Gates
- 21 February 2019, Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority: New Program Supports Innovation in Agriculture
- 16 June 2017, United States Announces Intent to Withdraw From Paris Climate Accord: What is the Real Impact?
- 5 April 2017, Trump Administration's Environmental Regulatory Reform Presents a Unique and Immediate Opportunity

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Hydrogen Gets a Lift in Federal Infrastructure Act," *Pratt's Energy Law Report*, April 2022
- "The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 Is Now Law," *The Banking Law Journal*, February 2022
- "Money for nothing: Rethinking CO2," *The Hill*, 14 October 2016

NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 January 2025, K&L Gates Names Nearly 35 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Policy Professionals Across Firm
- 17 November 2022, Executive U.S. Offshore Wind Policy Summit, Hosted by Business Network for Offshore Wind
- 8 February 2022, Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
- 2-3 November 2021, ESG for Renewable Energy Financing, hosted by Infocast Master Class
- 28 April 2021, Blue Economy - Part 1: Offshore Wind Energy Development in the West

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "DOE in 2024: Hydrogen, LNG and climate," *Energy Monitor Worldwide*, 6 January 2024

- Quoted, “DOE in 2024: Hydrogen, LNG and climate,” *E&E News*, 5 January 2024
- Mentioned, "Lobbying Contracts - Bottom line," *TheHill.com*, 20 September 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Maritime Regulatory

INDUSTRIES

- Critical Minerals
- Energy
- Hydrogen
- Technology