

Senate Finance Committee Staff Bios

Jenni Katzman currently serves as Senior Domestic Policy Counsel to Senator Wyden. In this capacity, she oversees Senator Wyden's work on judiciary issues, elections and campaign finance, banking and financial services, small business, and education. She previously worked at the American Constitution Society, where she was the Director of Policy and Program, overseeing the development of policy related to a wide range of democracy and voting and equality and liberty issues. Before joining ACS, Jenni served in various positions in the Obama Administration. She was a Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Secretary at the US Department of Education. Prior to that, Jenni was a Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Domestic Policy Council. Jenni also served at the US Department of Justice as Senior Counsel in the Office for Access to Justice. In these roles, she advanced policy related to voting and civil rights.

Before joining the Obama Administration, Jenni served as the National Voter Protection Counsel for Obama for America. She has also volunteered in various national and state voter protection boiler rooms, including for Hillary for America, the Virginia Democratic Party, and Stacey Abrams for Governor. Jenni previously practiced as an associate at Steptoe & Johnson LLP and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP. She clerked for the Honorable Brian M. Cogan in the Eastern District of New York. Jenni graduated from Cornell Law School magna cum laude in 2005 and from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy in 2002.

Rachael Kauss has been serving as a Tax Policy Analyst for the Senate Finance Committee under Ranking Member Wyden since 2019. In this position, she works on a broad range of federal tax policy issues, including individual and business taxation. She also works on issues related to state and local tax policy and income security programs. Prior to joining the Finance Committee staff, Rachael worked in the office of Senator Tammy Baldwin, and she was previously a Senior Education Analyst at the Advisory Board Company. Rachael holds a bachelor's degree in history from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University, where she continues to serve as a teaching associate for an economics course.

Sarah Schaefer currently serves as a Senior Democratic Tax Policy Advisor for the Senate Finance Committee, where she has served under Ranking Member Wyden since 2017. In this capacity, she develops and analyzes federal tax proposals, with a focus on business taxation, particularly policy impacting small business, pass-through entities, entity classification, and real estate. Prior to joining the Committee, Sarah was a Tax Manager in the Subchapter K Mergers & Acquisitions practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers where she advised clients on partnership tax issues and transactions. Sarah received a Masters in Studies of Tax Law from Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting from East Tennessee State University. Sarah is a Certified Public Accountant in the District of Columbia.