

Capitol Hill Office:

Chief of Staff - Jonathan Blyth has served in the Legislative and Executive Branches of the United States Federal Government for more than twenty years. Jonathan has served four Members of the House of Representatives and a United States Senator. He has served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Bill Martini (R-NJ) and Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA). He also served Congressman Robert Walker (R-PA), Congressman Richard Pombo (R-CA) and United States Senator James Jeffords (R-VT). In the Executive Branch he was a Presidential Appointee by President George W. Bush serving in the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO). At OBO he served as Chief of Staff and Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs to the Bureau that builds and maintains all United States Embassies. Jonathan also serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserve where he is a Public Affairs Officer. Jonathan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Franklin & Marshall College, a Master of Public Administration from George Washington University and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Born in New York City he is a resident of Arlington, Virginia and Boca Raton.

Legislative Director - Josh Grodin has served in the Legislative and Executive Branch of the United States Federal Government for over ten years, as well as the private sector. Josh was the Campaign Manager of the West for Congress campaign in 2010. Josh has managed and consulted on several political campaigns spanning from Texas to California to Florida. Josh was named Political Director of the nationally recognized non-profit, Vets for Freedom. In the Executive Branch he was a Presidential Appointee by President George W. Bush serving in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy as a Legislative Analyst. Josh also served as an Advance Representative for the President, Vice President and First Lady traveling to over 15 countries with the White House. In addition, Josh worked as an Intelligence Analyst, contracted to the Department of Homeland Security. Josh holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Texas, and a Master of Science in Defense and Strategic Studies/International Relations from Missouri State University. Born in El Paso, Texas he is a resident of Arlington, Virginia and Delray Beach, Florida.

Communications Director - Angela Melvin has spent over a decade as a journalist both on television and in print media. Before coming to work for Congressman West in January 2011,

Angela was a reporter working with the NBC affiliate in West Palm Beach for three years covering stories in South Florida. Angela also worked for the South Florida Sun Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale, and reported and anchored for television stations in both Fort Myers and Panama City Beach. Angela holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Communications from the University of Florida. Born in Fort Myers, Angela is a fourth generation Florida native. She is a resident of Washington, DC.

Executive Director – JoBeth Wood has served in the House of Representatives for more than five years, serving four Members of Congress. JoBeth served Congressman Charlie Norwood (R-GA), Congressman Henry Brown (R-SC), Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) and United States Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC). She also worked in the private sector for Sigal Construction Corporation, a large construction firm headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. JoBeth holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Theater from Charleston Southern University. Born in Charleston, Jobeth is a resident of Alexandria, Virginia.

Legislative Assistant - Taryn Dorfman has served the United States House of Representatives since January 2011. Taryn was a Deputy Field Director for the 2010 West for Congress campaign. Before that, she worked as a travelling consultant for the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity. Taryn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Born in Montreal, Canada, Taryn has lived in Florida since 1995. She is a resident of Arlington, Virginia and Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Legislative Assistant – Ari Zimmerman has served in the United States House of Representatives since 2010. Ari interned for Conservative Blue-Dog Congressman Baron Hill (D-IN). Ari attended the North Broward Preparatory School in Coconut Creek, Florida where he started a community service project helping holocaust victims in his home town of Boca Raton. In high school, Ari donated thousands of hours of his time to the local Boca Raton food pantry. In college, Ari spent a month in New Orleans, Louisiana serving the needs of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Ari also spent four months in a volunteer unit of the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). Ari holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Born in Chicago, Ari grew up in Boca Raton, Florida. He is a resident of Washington, D.C. and Boca Raton, Florida.

Legislative Correspondent - Christine Shaw has served the United States House of Representatives since August 2011. Christine previously interned for former Florida State Representative, Maria Sachs (D-FL), in both Tallahassee and Delray Beach, Florida. She has also volunteered for the Palm Beach County Guardian ad Litem Program, as an advocate for children in the foster care system. Christine holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a

Minor in Communications from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and a Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. Born in Brooklyn, New York she was raised in Boca Raton. Christine is a resident of Arlington, Virginia and Boca Raton, Florida.

Staff Assistant - Katelyn Pay has served the United States House of Representatives since 2009. Katelyn previously interned for Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) and Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI). She also worked as a Field Representative during the summer of 2010, aiding various candidates at the state and local level in Central Oregon. Katelyn holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Hillsdale College in Michigan. Born in Portland Oregon, she is a resident of Arlington Virginia.

South Florida Offices:

District Director –Steve Martino has served in the Legislative and Executive Branches of the United States Federal Government for over ten years. Steve has served two Members of the House of Representatives and two United States Senators. He served as the Constituent Liaison and District Manager for Congressman Mark Foley (R-FL) in his Palm Beach Gardens office. He also served as a Deputy District Director for Congressman Tim Mahoney (D-FL) in his Stuart office. Steve was the Southeast Florida Regional Director for United States Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) and United States Senator George LeMieux (R-FL), serving a five county region: Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee. In the Executive Branch, Steve worked in the Congressional Affairs Unit for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Long Term Recovery Office in Lake Mary, Florida. Steve holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Central Florida. Steve was born in West Palm Beach and is a resident of Palm Beach Gardens.

Director of Business Outreach – Mary Jane Evans has served the United States House of Representatives since March 2011. Mary Jane has worked for large corporations and has previously owned her own small business. As Vice President of Meridian Business Associates, she worked with small businesses to find opportunities to bid on federal, state and local contracts. Her position called for her to identify business opportunities and consult with owners through the entire bidding process. Mary Jane holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Florida State University. Born in Jacksonville, Florida she is a resident of

Boca Raton.

Constituent Services – Kathy May has served the United States House of Representatives for more than 15 years. Kathy has served two Members of the House of Representatives. She served as a caseworker for Congressman Harry Johnston (D-FL) and Office Manager and Field Representative for Congressman Clay Shaw (R-FL). Kathy was in charge of all Military Services for the American Red Cross, Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter. Kathy began her career as an office manager for several political campaigns. She attended the University of Florida. Born in West Palm Beach, she is a resident of Jupiter, Florida.

Congressional Liaison – John Mac has served the United States House of Representatives for more than seven years. John has served two Members of the House of Representatives. He served as a caseworker, focusing on grants and service academy nominations for both Congressman Mark Foley (R-FL) and Congressman Tim Mahoney (D-FL). John holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Florida Atlantic University. Born in Tampa, he is a resident of Jupiter, Florida.

Director of Outreach – Michele Hickford has served the United States House of Representatives since June of 2011. Michele has more than twenty-five years experience in strategic marketing and communications, both in the United States and internationally. She has held senior marketing positions at The Clorox Company, Turner Broadcasting and USA Networks, where she launched the Sci-Fi Channel in Europe. She took Autoweb.com public as Vice President, Marketing and later co-founded SportBrain, a high-tech consumer products company. As principal for Words-n-Ideas LLC, Michele provided strategic marketing direction and created print and digital campaigns for a variety of companies including Ion Interactive and eDiets.com. She is also an award-winning advertising copywriter both in the United States and United Kingdom, and has appeared on QVC, Fox News and CNN. Michele holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Telecommunications and Film from San Diego State University. She is a Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Master Scuba Diver Trainer. Born in San Jose, California she is a resident of Deerfield Beach.

Staff Assistant-Alexis de Armas has served the United States House of Representatives since January 2012. Alexis interned for Congressman West during the summer and fall of 2011. She also worked as a Registered Pharmacy Technician for Publix Pharmacy for 9 years. Alexis served as President of the Teen Advisory Board at the Broward County Library in Pembroke Pines, to promote youth development through the arts and literature. Alexis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Florida Atlantic University. Born in Miami, Alexis is a resident of Pembroke Pines.

Special Assistant - Ryan Dean has served the United States House of Representatives since May of 2011. Ryan is a retired New York City Police Department Detective. He patrolled the streets of Manhattan for seven years and then transferred into the Organized Crime Control Bureau. After being promoted to Investigator, Ryan worked in both the Bronx and Manhattan North Narcotics Divisions, as well as the Manhattan North Vice Division. Ryan worked in several elite units including the Organized Crime Investigation Division, El Dorado Task Force (Money Laundering Unit with United States Customs and the Internal Revenue Service), and cross designated as a U.S. Customs Investigator. He also served in the Special Investigations Division, Computer Crimes Squad. Ryan also owned and operated a successful Security Guard company in New York City. After relocating to South Florida, Ryan started a Private Investigation agency. He was the Branch Manager, supervising more than 300 employees in Broward County, for one of the largest Security Officer companies in the country. Ryan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Empire State College. Born in New York City, he is a resident of Boca Raton.