

IPYANA SPENCER

Ipyana Spencer joined Peck, Madigan, Jones & Stewart, Inc. after several years of experience on Capitol Hill and in the political arena. Having worked in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, Ms. Spencer is uniquely aware of the legislative process of both chambers.

Immediately prior to joining the firm, Ms. Spencer served as the Director of Appropriations for Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and member of Democratic Leadership. In this capacity, she handled all non-defense project requests for the State of New York. This translated into almost 1,000 earmark requests annually, ranging from transportation projects to health care facility upgrades to programming support at cultural and educational institutions. Ms. Spencer also worked on homeland security issues, predominantly those related to New York State and City grant funding programs.

In addition to her appropriations and funding responsibilities, Ms. Spencer advised Senator Schumer with legislative policy matters, including labor, veterans funding, immigration reform, bankruptcy overhaul, telecommunications and other Senate Judiciary Committee issues. Ms. Spencer also assisted with the hearing for Attorney General Nomination of Senator John Ashcroft.

Ms. Spencer also served in the United States House of Representatives for Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey (D-NY), who was then the Chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. As Legislative Assistant, Ms. Spencer was responsible for overseeing housing policy, Social Security and Medicare issues, and appropriation matters. Representative Lowey is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations.

From 2002-2004, Ms. Spencer was the Deputy Finance Director for Senator John R. Edwards' (D-NC) political action committee, New American Optimists, as well as his Presidential campaign.