



Patricia Griffin

Partner

Patricia Griffin is a lifelong political insider and NVG’s resident forward thinker. As a nationally recognized go-to expert on progressive issue campaigns, Patricia knows how to take bold and complex ideas from their inception to completion, and brings to the firm a keen understanding of coalition-building, traditional and non-traditional government relations, and advocacy around the federal budget and appropriations process.

Most importantly, Patricia’s efforts deliver real results. She has successfully managed coalitions to protect First Amendment rights of political and advocacy groups, to improve access to healthy food in urban areas, and to build educational excellence in “Promise Neighborhoods.” She

has also successfully executed a number of legislative strategies, advocating for increased access to healthy food in low-income communities and communities of color in the context of the Farm Bill, advancing significant energy and climate change legislation, and fighting for important priorities in the appropriations process. In just one example of her work, the strategies designed and implemented by Patricia and her team led to the first-ever funding in FY 2011 and FY2012 for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative and Promise Neighborhoods.

NVG’s clients benefit from Patricia’s deep relationships with critical decision-makers throughout the Administration and in both houses of Congress — particularly with members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus — that allow her to track and influence policy implementation at every stage of the process. She often works closely with the Administration to encourage stage-setting initiatives, and then with Congressional Committees (including the Senate HELP, Agriculture, and Environment and Public Works Committees; the House Ed and Labor, Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce Committees; and both Appropriations Committees) to translate those initiatives into legislation.

Before joining NVG, Patricia worked for over ten years developing and managing large non-profit projects at both the local and national levels. She has worked in a variety of organizations, ranging from small, community-based outfits to national powerhouses like the YMCA and AmeriCorps.

Patricia was raised in Washington, DC, and in the halls of Congress. As a young person, she spent several years working on Capitol Hill for the Senate leadership offices while developing her advocacy skills by working on both local and national issues. She regularly speaks to young activists and college students about the importance of advocacy and being engaged in the political process, and provides legislative advice to a number of emerging advocacy organizations. Patricia earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin.