

# Michael Best Strategies Adds Andrea Riccio to Government Relations Group in Washington, D.C.

Michael Best is pleased to announce that Andrea Riccio has joined Michael Best Strategies as a Principal in the Washington, D.C. office. Riccio will be a member of the Government Relations Group. Prior to joining Michael Best Strategies, Riccio served as a Vice President at S-3 Group, a full-service policy and government relations firm.

At S-3 Group, Riccio counseled a variety of trade associations, corporations, and nonprofits, utilizing over a decade of experience in government, public affairs, and consulting. While on Capitol Hill, she served as Deputy Director to the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, under then-Chairman, and current member of the Board of Advisors at Michael Best Strategies, Steve Israel, and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. As Deputy Director, Riccio headed House Democratic messaging during the 2016 election cycle and led multiple targeted campaigns using parliamentary tactics available to the minority.

Prior to that, Riccio was the Director of Member Services and principal leadership staffer for then Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD). In this role she advised Congressional offices on best practices, led Caucus-wide programs for Chiefs of Staff, Press Secretaries, and District Directors, and served as floor staff.

Riccio's addition to the firm comes just weeks after Michael Best Strategies announced the addition of Steven Rowe to the Government Relations group in Salt Lake City. Ranked among the

top lobbying firms by Bloomberg Government this month, Michael Best Strategies has recruited Riccio during a period of progress and growth.

Riccio received her B.A., summa cum laude, in Political Science and Government from the University of New Hampshire.