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Philip Bolen is the Director of Public Policy for Shenker Russo & Clark. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as a lobbyist in the Albany office of Bolton-St. Johns for eight years.

Phil has worked on a diverse array of issue areas, including labor, health care, cannabis, energy infrastructure, casino gaming, tax policy, insurance regulations, and the hospitality industry.

He lobbied extensively on the New York medical marijuana program, as well as the full legalization of adult use cannabis. Major issues he has successfully worked on include securing 55 million dollars for direct care worker wage increases, securing 20 million dollars for legal aid services to prevent foreclosures, the creation of a multi-billion dollar state program to improve New York's clean water infrastructure, and the restoration of Medicaid cuts to the state budget.

Prior to moving to Albany, he worked in the Grants Division for Senator Schumer in Washington DC, focusing on research and constituent communication in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He also worked on Governor Kathy Hochul's successful 2011 Congressional campaign, where he reached out to voters across Buffalo and Amherst.

In 2020, he was named by City & State Magazine as an "Albany 40 Under 40 Rising Star".

Memberships & Affiliations

- City & State Magazine as an "Albany 40 Under 40 Rising Star"

Education

- University at Buffalo, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology
- Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, Master of Public Administration, May 2015

