

# Chelsea Henderson Maxwell

## Professional Experience

### Partner and Senior Associate, The Clark Group, LLC (01/09 - Present)

Provide high value lobbying and strategic advice to the Pew Environment Group, the Energy Foundation, the Green Tech Action Fund, the National Wildlife Federation, Clean Energy Works and other major clients of The Clark Group on a variety of issues, including global climate change, energy policy, and water resources. Coordinate Senator John Warner's participation in the Pew Project on National Security, Energy and Climate, as well as other national security and climate events in Washington, DC. Assist sportsmen groups in efforts to secure climate auction revenues for natural resources adaptation projects. Provide funding advice for clients in their grant making efforts. Meet with Senate and House members and staff on behalf of clients. Coordinate and communicate daily with key contacts on Capitol Hill and at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

### Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Senator John Warner (06/07 - 01/09)

Served as Senator John Warner's Senior Policy Advisor for Environment and Public Works Committee issues. Developed Senator's environment, climate and energy legislative strategy. Prepared briefing materials and memoranda. Wrote floor statements and press statements. Represented Senator's position in negotiation sessions with Committee staff, other Senate offices, and with stakeholders. Key accomplishments include: ushering Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act through all stages of the legislative process from drafting to Senate floor consideration; enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007; securing of key federal conservation appropriations for Commonwealth of Virginia; and advising Senator on key votes on the Energy Policy Act of 2007, including increasing CAFE standards for automobiles.

### Legislative Director, National Wildlife Federation (02/05 - 06/07)

Served as Legislative Director & Chief Lobbyist to Office of Congressional and Federal Affairs. Worked with campaign directors to coordinate & develop effective national campaigns. Advocated for better conservation policy on variety of issues, including: water resources restoration projects such as Everglades, Puget Sound, and Coastal Louisiana; global warming; endangered & invasive species; Corps reform; and public lands protection. Worked directly with Board Chairman & CEO to advance NWF's conservation agenda in Congress. Represented NWF in legislative negotiations on priority conservation issues in Congress. Advanced NWF's conservation goals in major media outlets. Coordinated with other conservation groups on issues of mutual interest.

### Senior Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy (01/03 - 02/05)

Served as member of Government Relations team focusing on issues pertaining to U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well as liaison to TNC's Global Climate Change Initiative & Invasive Species Initiative. Primary responsibilities included influencing public policy and federal appropriations process to advance goals of *Conservation by Design*; developing a focused and effective government relations agenda; and working to advance specific elements of TNC's conservation agenda before the U.S. Congress and Administration. Major accomplishments: inclusion of elements of the Conservancy's Transportation and Biodiversity Platform and \$30 million in "high priority projects" benefiting conservation in the reauthorization of TEA-21; and facilitating the TNC's participation in the Administration's Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.

### Senior Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (04/02 – 01/03) Professional Staff Member (05/99 – 04/02)

### Legislative Correspondent (06/98 – 05/99)

Responsible for advising Chairmen Bob Smith and John H. Chafee, drafting legislation, Committee reports, memoranda, and floor statements on the Water Resources Development Act (including Everglades and Puget Sound restoration); Corps Reform; Brownfields; appropriations and agency budgets; and fish and wildlife issues. Major accomplishments: successfully negotiated passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (including authorization of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan) and WRDA 1999; successfully negotiated Senate passage of the American Wildlife Enhancement Act of 2001; designed and implemented strategy in response to Administration budgets; and advised and developed position papers for the Chairmen on appropriations legislation and amendments.

### Staff Assistant, U.S. Senator Susan Collins (08/97 – 06/98)

Provided Administrative support to Senator and legislative staff. Attended hearings, drafted constituent letters pertaining to the issues of energy, environment, and transportation.

## Education

Boston University, Master of Education

Boston University, B.A. in International Relations

Graduated *cum laude*