

Shawn Smeallie
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Shawn Smeallie founded ACG Advocacy LLC in 1994 and serves as the managing partner, bringing his extensive experience on Capitol Hill, the Executive Branch, and in the private sector to the firm. Along with Tom Rooney of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and others, Mr. Smeallie was instrumental in the passing of favorable tax treatments for owners of Thoroughbreds in the recently passed tax bill. He was also active in helping to pass the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act to bring anti-doping reform into horse racing as the executive director of the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity. He possesses a thorough knowledge of the regulatory and legislative process and has worked on defense, trade, energy, tax, and environmental issues in Washington, D.C.

Prior to ACG, Mr. Smeallie served as a special assistant to President Bush for Legislative Affairs from 1990 to 1993. As a commissioned officer of the president, he coordinated the efforts of policy makers on Capitol Hill and constituent organizations to develop and implement the administration's legislative strategies. From 1989 to 1990, Mr. Smeallie was special assistant to the director for Legislative Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget in the executive office of the president, where he worked closely with the Budget and Appropriation Committees of Congress. He was primarily responsible for representing the administration before the Congress on the annual budgets of various agencies.