

Sharon Daniels

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Sharon Daniels brings more than 25 years of experience in the House of Representatives and touts expertise in policy process and parliamentary rules. Sharon served in the Office of House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, where she was renowned as his right hand and gatekeeper, interacting on a regular basis with Democratic Members of Congress, Senators, White House officials and officers of the House and Senate.

Sharon is a founding member and Senior Vice President of Gephardt Government Affairs. In her current role, she oversees government affairs strategy and advocacy for clients on appropriations, climate change, energy and intellectual property issues. Sharon has particular strengths in coalition management, crisis management, direct advocacy, long-term planning and legislative tactics.

Sharon joined the House Democratic Caucus as staff to the Office of then-Chairman Gillis Long (D-LA), where she was promoted to Director in 1987. Upon Gephardt's election to House Majority Leader in 1989, she transitioned to the office. Following Gephardt's election to House Minority Leader in 1995, Sharon was tapped to serve as his Administrative Assistant, where she managed the daily operations of the Leader's office. Sharon played pivotal roles in a broad scope of Gephardt's responsibilities as Leader throughout several national policy battles, including monitoring of discussions and strategy between the House, Senate and Administration leading up to and during the 1990 Budget Summit. She also coordinated congressional outreach vis-à-vis the White House's effort on the 1994 health care initiative.

Sharon directed logistics on a wide array of House leadership activities including the annual Democratic issues retreats and the Democratic National Committee's organization of every quadrennial nomination Convention from Atlanta in 1988 to Boston in 2004.

Sharon began her career as a Congressional page in 1976, a program which she returned to oversee from 1988 to 2003, managing the selection and appointment of all Democratic pages. At the beginning of the 104th Congress, she was elected by Democratic members of the Minority to serve as House Sergeant at Arms, a position to which she was elected for the three subsequent Congressional sessions.

Sharon earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Maryland, and is married with one son.

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