

Frank McCarthy

These are interesting times in the nation's capital, to put it mildly. From 24-365 cable news pundits to talk radio talking heads to social media social warriors, everyone seems to be digging trenches and yelling at each other. With a touch of humor and a bit of self-deprecation, Frank McCarthy tries to make sense of the perceived chaos, break down the biggest fights in DC, and put it all into a bottom-line perspective for SEICA's members and member companies.



Frank McCarthy is the Senior Vice President of the Keelen Group, LLC (TKG), a dynamic, award-winning professional advocacy firm specializing in strategic public policy and legislative planning services. He is part of an aggressive and results-driven team who has helped our firm and our clients receive numerous accolades, including being named a Top 5 Lobbying Firm in by *Bloomberg News* and the 2016 Legacy Award for Small Businesses by the Washington-area *SmartCEO Magazine*.

Frank joined the Keelen Group in October of 2012, bringing a wide range of personal and professional experience to the firm. As a former sports journalist, seasoned congressional staffer, government relations professional, including, a half-decade with an AFL-affiliated union, Frank's knowledge and background strengthens TKG's expanding transportation, energy and labor practices.

During his time with the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), Frank played an integral role in obtaining favorable provisions in the *2012 FAA Reauthorization bill*, including protection of collective bargaining rights and securing employee involvement in Air Traffic Control modernization and facility realignment.

Frank spent six years working on transportation and labor issues on Capitol Hill. As a staffer on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, serving both Chairmen Bud Shuster (PA) and Don Young (AK), he helped advance the historic *Railroad Retirement Reform Act*, which was signed into law by President Bush in 2001.

Following his experience with the Committee, Frank accepted a position with his hometown Congresswoman, Sue Kelly (R-NY), where he focused primarily on her Transportation Committee assignment. In this role, he helped secure critical funding for a variety of highway, water, and infrastructure projects in the Hudson Valley, including a new control tower and access road for the Stewart International Airport (SWF). With Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and Fort Smith all located within the congressional district, Frank's work on Defense, Labor, Energy and the Environment were also critical policy areas.

Because of his unique background in labor policy and broadcast journalism, Frank is a frequent guest on political talk shows to discuss the impact of policy on working people and small

businesses. Frank has appeared as a political strategist and commentator on such national programs as *the Ed Schultz Show*, *Thom Hartmann*, and *Fox News*, as well as numerous local news appearances.

Frank graduated from SUNY Albany with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, and he also holds an Associate's Degree in Communications and Media Arts from Dutchess Community College. Additionally, Frank studied Journalism at NYU. Before moving to Washington, D.C., Frank was a sports reporter covering a Tampa Bay Rays' minor league baseball affiliate and worked on several political campaigns in New York.

Frank and his wife, Richette, live in Alexandria, VA with their three children.

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During his 50-year career in the commercial and industrial insulation segment of the construction industry Ron owned and operated a small contracting business, has served as a Vice President and General Manager of a large national specialty contractor, President of national accessory manufacturer and recently retired as Chairman, President, and CEO of one of the United States' largest diverse insulation and specialty distributors. He is a past president of the National Insulation Association, the Southwest Insulation Contractors Association and the World Insulation and Acoustic Congress Organization. He has been honored with the "President's Award" on three different occasions from two insulation associations.

Ron currently serves as a full time consultant to the National Insulation Association on a variety of educational, outreach and governmental initiatives, including coordinating many allied association alliance-partnership activities, Chairman of the National Institute of Building Sciences' (NIBS) National Mechanical Insulation Committee and Past Chairman of the NIBS's Consultative Council and NIA's liaison to the Federation of European Insulation Societies (FESI), which represents the European mechanical insulation market. He also serves as a Director and advisor on several private company boards and community organizations.

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