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As part of the Government Affairs team, Norman helps manage relationships with local, state and federal legislators and other stakeholders while helping to advance economic development, arts and culture, and clean energy policy.

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston, MA**

**Senior Government Affairs Specialist, 2023 – present.** Duties include legislative advocacy, outreach, local, state and federal government relations.

**Office of Congressman Seth Moulton, Salem, MA**

**Regional Director, 2021 - 2023.** Advised the congressman on local and state issues with a focus on transportation and economic development. Researched and drafted op-eds, letters, and memos. Represented the congressman in meetings with business leaders, elected officials and constituents across the district.

**Anti-Defamation League – New England, Boston, MA**

**Associate Regional Director, 2018.** Helped lead the agency’s local and state civil rights legislative advocacy efforts including lobbying legislators, drafting testimony and letters of support for legislation in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Maine. Also, helped develop the region’s first Lobby Day.

**Assistant Regional Director, 2015 – 2018.**

Conducted outreach around bias and civil rights incidents for the New England region, including with victims, law enforcement, community groups, employers, educational institutions; addressing the press and helping to organize community events. Assisted with advocacy around ADL New England’s local, state and federal legislative priorities, including drafting letters of support and testimony.

**Transportation for Massachusetts**

**Program Associate, 2015.** Researched and analyzed a wide variety of transportation policy initiatives and reports and helped to draft grant reports as well as various internal and external communications.

**Office of Governor Deval L. Patrick**

**Constituent Services Aide, 2013 – 2015.**

Served as an interface between the public and the Governor, addressed hundreds of calls and correspondences per week and drafted correspondence on the governor’s behalf on a wide range of policy topics.

**EDUCATION**

**Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University**

MPP & MBA, 2020

**Wheaton College,** B.A., 2011

Political Science

Minor: African, African American, Diaspora Studies