

Former Romney aide heads to McKenna Long & Aldridge

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A former senior aide to Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has joined **McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP** as a managing director.

Cynthia Gillespie, who served as counselor and chief of legislative and intergovernmental relations to former the Massachusetts governor, will reside in the firm's D.C. office.

At McKenna Long & Aldridge, Gillespie will represent clients on federal and state public policy issues. The law firm has more than 400 attorneys and public-policy advisers spread among 11 offices in the United States and abroad.

While working with Romney, she played a leading role in Massachusetts' health-insurance reform initiative. Gillespie also served as vice president of federal relations for the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Romney ran the Salt Lake City games.

She follows several recent additions to McKenna Long & Aldridge's government affairs practice, including Mac Campbell, former senior tax counselor to Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.