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OVERVIEW

Rene Diehl is a government affairs counselor in the Harrisburg office and is a member of the public policy group. She has nearly 20 years of experience working with the Pennsylvania Legislature and executive branch—experience that she leverages to provide advice to clients on effectively managing their government and regulatory affairs. In particular, she helps clients by creating alignment between their objectives and government policies.

Rene's practice focuses on Pennsylvania government relations, with a substantive focus on tax policy, gaming, energy, manufacturing and transportation issues. She represents clients on a range of matters, including:

- Programs related to tax policy and state tax credits;
- Matters related to manufacturing and job creation programs;
- Issues associated with unmanned aircraft systems;
- Programs corresponding to transportation infrastructure;
- Issues affiliated with state gaming including the Pennsylvania Lottery; and
- Energy policy related to oil and gas as well as coal refuse

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Rene served as Deputy Secretary of Legislative Affairs to the Pennsylvania Governor, a senior staff position that involved the development and implementation of legislative strategy intended to advance the Governor's legislative priorities for several state agencies, including the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Lottery. Rene was directly and integrally involved in the enactment of several major legislative initiatives, including the historic transportation funding package of 2013, numerous pieces of legislation impacting energy and environmental policies and programs for the state, as well as, significant reforms intended to enhance operations and funding for the Pennsylvania Lottery. She was also directly involved with negotiations with the House of

Representatives and the Senate relating to the enactment of the annual General Fund budget and related enactments.

Prior to working in the governor's office, Rene served as Director of Legislative Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. During her tenure as Legislative Director, and prior to that, as Assistant Legislative Director, she advocated for legislative priorities related to taxation and the Pennsylvania Lottery, including significant business tax reform packages that dramatically changed state tax administration and tax compliance.

Before joining the Department of Revenue, Rene worked in a senior staff capacity for the House Democratic Caucus. Her responsibilities included monitoring House floor activities and advising House Democratic Leadership in message development and legislative strategy.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Leadership Development Institute 2010 Graduate

EDUCATION

- B.A., Shippensburg University, 1997

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 14 February 2024, Governor Josh Shapiro Launches First Statewide Economic Development Strategy in Nearly Two Decades
- 6 January 2021, FAA Announces Final Rules to Further Integrate Drones Into the National Airspace System

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Tax