

# Mary Bennett

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Specializing in U.S. campaigns and elections, government relations, and public policy and advocacy

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## Biography

Mary Weaver Bennett is the director of the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at Southern Utah University. She is a specialist in legislative and regulatory policy matters for the financial services industry, specializing in electronic payments, fintech, government relations, advocacy and communications. Before moving to southern Utah, Bennett was the director of government and industry relations for the Electronic Transactions Association in Washington, DC, where she led federal and state public affairs strategy, lobbying and outreach initiatives. Bennett's professional experience spans over 25 years in a range of Washington, DC institutions including the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, The Washington Campus and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board under the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Bennett is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. She most recently served as president of Red Ridge Consulting, LLC, and as an expert advisor for Blackline Advisory Group in Nashville, TN.

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## Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Government Relations, Political Organization, Public Policy

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## Areas of Expertise

Utah Political Candidates, Utah Legislative Body, Political Communication, Congressional Campaigns, Regulatory Policy for Financial Industries, Lobbying, Strategic Planning, Government Relations, Legislative and Regulatory Policy, Outreach Education, Public Affairs, Political Education Programs, Legislation for Financial Industries, Auditing Public Companies, Securities and Exchange Commission, Utah Politics, Political Associations, Women in Public Service

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## Affiliations

AAUW, Friends of SUMA, Kayenta Arts Foundation, Windhorse Relations

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## Education

**Pennsylvania State University**  
B.A. Political Science

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## Accomplishments

**President**

Red Ridge Consulting, LLC

**Industry Expert**

BlackLine Advisory Group

**Director of Government and Industry Relations**

Electronic Transactions Association, Washington, DC

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