

Patrice Willoughby

Patrice Willoughby serves as a Vice President of Policy and Legislation at the NAACP where she applies a racial equity lens to advocacy in financial services, housing, tax, and technology. Soon after joining the NAACP in 2022, she guided the Association to adopt national policy on retirement security. Patrice served as Chief of Staff and Counsel to the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (OH-11), the first Black woman to serve on the tax writing House Ways and Means Committee. As Counsel, Patrice guided legislation to enhance retirement security and expand SBA lending programs. Following the 2008 death of Congresswoman Tubbs Jones, Patrice served as Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, supporting passage of the Recovery Act, Dodd-Frank Financial Reform, and the Affordable Care Act. After leaving Capitol Hill, Patrice served the Obama Administration at the General Services Administration supporting government-wide policy, small business, and the federal real estate portfolio. Most recently, Patrice led the financial services practice at Signal Group, representing clients in capital markets, fintech, and private equity. Patrice earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Arts from the University of Cincinnati, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison after studying International Law in the Netherlands. Patrice is a board member of the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER), N Street Village (housing and recovery services for women experiencing homelessness), and Fort Dupont Ice Arena in Southeast Washington, D.C.

