Shannon Meroney



Shannon is the President of Meroney Public Affairs in Austin, Texas, founded in 2014. From 2006 to 2014, she worked in-house for Aetna, a Fortune 100 company and the country's third largest health insurance plan. In that role she worked as the Senior Account Executive for one of the company's largest government accounts, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), and managed a multi-state region for Aetna as a Senior State Government Affairs Manager. Prior to that, Shannon was a partner at Thompson Coe where she worked with Jay Thompson representing AFACT and ICT. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin for her undergraduate degree and University of Houston Law Center for her J.D. Shannon has been named as a top Texas "Hired Gun" lobbyist, by Capitol Inside magazine every session since 2015.

Mike Meroeny



Every legislative session from 2011 to 2023, Mike has been recognized and ranked as one the top 100 "Hired Gun" Lobbyists in Texas by the online political magazine *Capitol Inside*. For more than six years, he was the state and federal lobbyist for Huntsman Corporation – a global manufacturer and marketer of differentiated chemicals. In both 2007 and 2009, *Capitol Inside* listed Mike as one of the top 25 In-House Corporate Lobbyists in Texas.

He joined Huntsman in 2002 after spending four years with Austin-based Public Strategies, Inc. (PSI), where he served several Fortune 500 clients in Texas, Arkansas and Washington, D.C., in various industries including telecommunications, chemical manufacturing, electricity generation, and oil & gas exploration and production.

Mike is a native of Arkansas and earned a degree in communications from Arkansas State University. In his career, he has worked as a journalist, staffer for a U.S. Senator in Washington, D.C., campaign staffer for a U.S. Congressional election in Arkansas, corporate public relations professional, government relations manager, and public affairs consultant.

He was a founding member of the Texas Association of Manufacturers (TAM), serving as the group's first Secretary and Treasurer for three years. Mike is an active member of the Texas Chemical Council (TCC), has served as vice-chairman of the TCC Advocacy Committee and chaired the industry's Chemicals Day at the Texas Capitol in 2005, 2007 and 2009.

Mike is a 2004 graduate of the Leadership Austin Essential program, and was elected Board Chairman for 2018-19. He has also volunteered extensively for Junior Achievement (JA) of Central Texas, a local charity whose mission is to ensure all students achieve financial literacy, career awareness and workforce readiness to improve their lives.

From 2013 to 2019, he served on the Texas Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC), which advises the Texas Education Commissioner on the state's public education accountability system. He also served on the Career & Technical Education (CTE) TEKS Review Committee, responsible for rewrite of Texas' "essential knowledge and skills" for career and technical education curriculum.

Mike and Shannon recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary in 2024, and they stay very busy with their two sons – Cal and Griffin