

Todd Mielke

Profile

Todd Mielke is recognized as a dynamic, common-sense leader with an exceptional ability to bring people with diverse interests together to accomplish common goals. As an elected official, he tackled some of the most challenging issues facing Washington State and earned the nickname of "Mr. Fixit" from colleagues of both parties. He has a deep knowledge of the regulatory processes at the state and local level, and has effectively advocated on behalf of businesses at all levels. Today, Todd serves as one of three elected directors of Spokane County, a community of 485,000 and an organization comprised of more than 1950 employees with combined budgets of more than \$450 million.

Experience

County Commissioner (Elected, Full-time)

2004 - present

Spokane County, Spokane, Washington

Elected three times as a County Commissioner, I serve with two additional elected commissioners to manage the entire Executive and Legislative Branch responsibilities on behalf of Spokane's 485,000 residents. With my colleagues, I oversee the three executive officers of the County, all department heads, and indirectly, approximately 1950 employees. Commissioners are also responsible for combined annual budgets of approximately \$450 million.

In this position, I have led an 8-year effort to fulfill federal and state permitting requirements and environmental processes to construct a new advanced wastewater reclamation facility considered one of the highest performing facilities in the nation. I completed negotiations with other jurisdictions to form a regional animal control program including the purchase and remodel of a new facility. Currently, I am the lead commissioner on comprehensive criminal justice system reforms.

Founder/Owner

1997 - 2004

Pacific Communication Strategies, LLC

Spokane, Washington

Pacific Communication Strategies (PCS) served as a full-service governmental affairs company in Washington State and built an extensive clientele of mostly Fortune 500 companies as well as local and regional companies, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and trade associations. PCS's focus was to assist clients working through the state regulatory process, as well as representation on legislative and state budgetary issues.

Northwest Director of State Government Affairs

1995 - 1997

Johnson & Johnson

New Brunswick, New Jersey

I was the first person to fill this position in the Northwest. The position was to represent all J&J domestic companies in identifying any opportunities or threats in the six states comprising the Northwest Region. Significant time was focused on implementation strategies for managed care, pharmaceutical access, and mental health issues. The position oversaw contract staff and coordinated information exchange between all J&J domestic companies and divisions on issues within the region. Additionally, I was assigned to lead efforts nationally on several state proposals to regulate the use of powder-coated latex gloves.

State Representative (Elected)
Washington State Legislature
Olympia, Washington

1991 - 1995

Elected three times to represent the interests of the citizens of the 5th, and then subsequently the 6th legislative district in all legislative matters. Duties included participation in the legislative process, sponsoring legislation, representing constituents in matters involving state agencies, and drafting state budgets. During my terms in office, I served on the following committees: Appropriations, Transportation, Rules, Higher Education, Judiciary, and Financial Institutions & Insurance. I also served as the Majority Caucus Chairman, the 3rd highest position of leadership in the House of Representatives.

Founder/Co-Owner
Mielke Enterprises, LLC.
Spokane, Washington

1991 - 1996

Mielke Enterprises, LLC was an excavation business engaged in both residential and commercial site preparation, land clearing, rural road and driveway construction, and utility ditching. As the Founder/Co-Owner, I oversaw all business-related aspects of the company and also operated all equipment including commercial trucks, bulldozer, graders, backhoes, rollers, loaders, and excavators.

Legislative Assistant
Washington State Senate
Olympia, Washington

1986 - 1990

Responsible for research and advocacy of legislation, constituent correspondence, testifying before committees, conducting public informational meetings, and all communication outreach on behalf of a legislative office.

Education

Foster School of Business
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Current EMBA Student
To be completed June, 2015

Eastern Washington University
Cheney, Washington

B.A. in Business Administration
Finance, Operations Management Dean's List
1989

Gonzaga University
Spokane, Washington

Study Area: Mechanical Engineering
1985 - 1986

Washington State University
Pullman, Washington
President's Honor Roll

Study Areas: Accounting
1983 - 1985

Awards & Special Recognition

Board Member, National Association of County Officials (NACO), 2014 - present
Member, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering Committee, 2004 - present
Board Member, County Road Administration Board, 2014 - present
Immediate Past President, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC), 2014
Board Member, Western Interstate Region Board of Directors, Nat'l Association of Counties, 2012-14
Chairman, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Fiscal Sustainability Work Group, 2013-14
President, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC), 2013
Member, Washington Military Alliance, 2012-13
Secretary-Treasurer, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC), 2012
Co-Chair, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering Committee, 2006-11
"Champion of Tourism" Award, Spokane Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2008
"Guardian of Small Business" Award, 3-time recipient, National Federation of Independent Business
National Republican "Legislator of the Year" Award, 1995
"Legislator of the Year" Award, Washington Architects & Engineers, 1995
"Legislator of the Year" Award, Independent Insurance Agents of Washington, 1995
Washington State Scholar (1st Class), 1983

References

References will be gladly provided upon request.