

***"The Road Warrior(s)"***  
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U. S. Senate Commerce & Transportation Committee  
Surface Transportation Subcommittee  
John Drake – Professional Staff – Majority  
Michael Meenan – Professional Staff – Minority

U.S. House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
Highway & Transit Subcommittee  
Jennifer Hall – Professional Staff – Majority

**John Drake** currently serves as a Professional Staff Member to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, focusing on surface transportation issues. His responsibilities include drafting surface transportation safety and security legislation related to rail, bus, truck, pipeline, and hazardous materials; researching issues regarding legislation; preparing for and attending Committee hearings and legislative markups; discussing with industry representatives the cause and resolution of concerns; and participating in legislative conferences. In the 111th Congress, John worked on the Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation ("FREIGHT") Act of 2010 and the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009.

Prior to his employment with the Committee, John served as a Professional Staff Member for House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, focusing on rail, pipeline and hazardous materials issues. While with the House T&I Committee, he worked on passage of P.L. 110-432 (rail safety and Amtrak reauthorizations) in the 110th Congress.

John received a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Mike Meenan** is the Minority Counsel for the Senate Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security. Mike joined the Committee in November 2010 after three years as Counsel to the House Transportation and Infrastructure's Railroad Subcommittee. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Meenan worked as an attorney for the United States Secret Service, and for a private law firm in Texas. He holds both undergraduate and law degrees from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Jennifer L. Hall**, Republican Counsel, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives

Jennifer Hall is the Republican Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. Jennifer has been with the Subcommittee since May 2008 and focuses on motor carrier safety, environmental streamlining, project delivery and freight movement. Jennifer first joined the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in 2006, working for the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. Prior to working for the Committee, Jennifer served at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from 2002 to 2006 in a variety of capacities and as Counsel for the Committee on Government Reform from 2000 to 2002. Jennifer received her B.A. from the University of Arizona in 1994 and her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1999.