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Education

- Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1969
- University of Chicago, M.A., 1971

Awards and Honors

- President of the United States Award for Meritorious Executive
- Gold Medal Recipient, Secretary of Transportation Award for Outstanding Achievement (the Department's highest honor)
- Secretary of Transportation Award for Meritorious Achievement
- Department of Transportation Award for Superior Achievement

Carolina Mederos, chair of the firm's Transportation, Infrastructure, and Federal Funding Practice, counsels transportation and municipal clients on congressional and executive branch policy and legislative and regulatory matters, with an emphasis on creative federal funding and infrastructure development. She has the lead responsibility for many of the firm's major transportation and municipal clients and has obtained billions of dollars in authorizing and appropriations funding on their behalf.

Ms. Mederos regularly advises municipal, state, and local governments and private entities on federal funding strategies, including appropriations, grants, formulas, tax issues, and public policy matters. She has assisted municipalities in obtaining appropriations earmarks and grants for transportation, downtown and riverfront revitalization, water, sewer, housing, law enforcement, health, and historic preservation projects, among others. Ms. Mederos also represents major domestic and international corporations in policy matters before Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and in marketing transportation and telecommunications technologies to highway, transit, and airport authorities; motor carriers; and public safety entities.

Ms. Mederos' strong knowledge of transportation issues and municipal matters is a direct result of having been involved in the development of every surface transportation and aviation reauthorization proposal and DOT appropriations act over the last 30 years. Previously, Ms. Mederos served for more than 13 years in senior positions in the Office of the Secretary of the DOT, including as deputy assistant secretary for Safety and as deputy assistant secretary for Policy and International Affairs. She also served as director of Programs and Evaluation, where she was responsible for developing and defending the entire Department's authorizing and appropriations legislation before the Office of Management and Budget and Congress.

Representative Matters:

- *I-69 Mid-Continent Highway Coalition* – An organization of cities, counties, states, business, labor, and civic groups from a nine-state trade corridor connecting Canada and Mexico. She played a key role in creating a new program to fund corridors and assisted in obtaining over \$1 billion in congressional earmarks and grants for I-69.
- *Houston, Texas* – Assisted in obtaining appropriations, earmarks, and grants for transportation improvements on the Main Street Corridor, the City's

signature revitalization project, as well as for library, museum, housing, law enforcement, and health care projects.

- *Shreveport, Louisiana* – Assisted in securing millions of dollars in appropriations earmarks and grants for transportation improvements, downtown and riverfront revitalization, water and air quality projects, museum programs, and restoring of historic structures.
- *Wayne County, Michigan* – Assisted in negotiating a \$185 million increase (from \$115 million to \$300 million) in Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Letter of Intent with the Federal Aviation Administration to fund airport improvements, and obtained an additional \$86 million for the airport's South Access Road in appropriations and authorizing legislation.
- Advised several defense industry corporations on strategies for marketing to the commercial transportation sector. Clients won bids both to provide vehicle tracking systems (using Global Positioning System satellites) to transit authorities and to provide advanced integrated data and telecommunications systems to airports.
- Assisted producers of transit fare collection equipment in developing manufacturing plans to comply with the Federal Transit Administration's Buy America requirements. Client's plans withstood protests and litigation.

ARTICLES

[Carolina Mederos was featured as a "Woman on Top" by Washington Women's Weekly](#)
March 8, 2011

[Patton Boggs Podcast - Week of June 29, 2009 \(Audio\)](#)
June 29, 2009

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June 8, 2009

[UPDATED: PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA AND THE 111TH CONGRESS: What to Expect](#)
January 2009

[TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: The Stimulus Package and Its Impact](#)
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