

Ashley Walker | Managing Director



Ashley Walker is a seasoned political professional with over a decade of experience in public affairs at the national, state, and local level. At Mercury Florida, she applies her winning political record, public affairs knowledge, and professional network to clients' public affairs needs.

Prior to joining the firm, Ashley served as the 2012 State Director for Obama for America in Florida, overseeing all of President Obama's efforts to win the state's 29 electoral votes. As state director, Walker was responsible for building the most expansive grassroots organization that Florida politics has ever seen, including managing nearly 800 full-time staff and a \$50 million budget.

Prior to being appointed as Obama For America-Florida State Director, Walker served as the Organizing for America-Florida State Director where she oversaw the grassroots efforts to support President Obama's policy priorities including passing Wall Street reform, Affordable Care Act and ending Don't Ask Don't Tell. In 2010, Walker served in a senior leadership role as the 2010 Coordinated Campaign Director.

Ashley served as the Deputy State Director for the 2008 Obama campaign in Florida. As the campaign's 'number two' in the state, Ashley oversaw a multi-million dollar operation that drew on the strength of over 500 employees and 20,000 volunteers. As a result of her leadership in Democratic politics and her involvement in President Obama's organization since early 2007, Campaigns and Elections magazine named her as one of the Top 50 Democratic influencers in Florida politics.

Before coming to Florida, Ashley served the Obama campaign through a variety of senior roles in early primary states. In the 2006 campaign cycle, Ashley managed the successful state senate campaign of Jeremy Ring, who toppled an entrenched incumbent in Broward County, Florida. Prior to this, Ashley worked in the Tallahassee and Miami Lakes offices of U.S. Senator Bob Graham.

Ashley earned a B.A. in Sociology from Indiana University and a M.S. in International Affairs from Florida State University. A native of Indiana, Ashley is married to Tyler Brunelle and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.