

Barbara Meaney & Lourdes Peña – TRIADVOCATES LLC

Ranked as the No. 1 lobbying firm by the Phoenix Business Journal for the last eight years, **TRIADVOCATES** has represented our industry for nearly two decades. Among its accomplishments is successfully guiding us through the process of being the first state in the country modernize the state's lien laws.

Barbara Meaney, Principal

One of the firm's founders, Barbara's focus is in state-level policy and advocacy where she represents the firm's clients before the Arizona State Legislature, the Governor's Office and executive branch agencies. She was named an Outstanding Woman in Business by the Phoenix Business Journal and is consistently recognized as one of the top lobbyists in Arizona by the Arizona Capitol Times. She has established herself as a highly effective advocate for a variety of private-sector enterprises with a special concentration in healthcare, telecommunications and education policy, as well as technology and energy matters. Her prior experience includes two judicial clerkships and private law firm practice in Washington, D.C. and Arizona. Immediately prior to founding TRIADVOCATES, Barbara was an integral member of the government relations practice group of Quarles & Brady LLP.

Education: B.A., The University of Arizona; J.D., American University, The Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

Lourdes Peña, Public Affairs Advisor

As a former legislative policy advisor, Lourdes has a deep understanding of state government and a unique perspective on how to navigate the complexities of the legislative process. Throughout her four years of service at the Arizona House of Representatives, she developed an expertise in a variety of policy areas, including K-12 education, pensions and insurance issues. In her role at the State Legislature, Lourdes was responsible for policy development, legislative research, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement, and was nominated by the Arizona Capitol Times for the 2016 Best Capitol Staffer award. Prior to working for the Arizona House of Representatives, Lourdes worked on numerous political campaigns, where she began her career in local politics.

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