

THE INFLUENCERS: NEW HAMPSHIRE



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The Influencers, presented by Campaigns & Elections' *Politics* magazine, is a new regular feature designed to help you navigate the treacherous waters of state-level politics. The Influencers is a catalog of the hundred most important opinion brokers in each state. This month, we identify the top 50 Democrats and Republicans you need to know in New Hampshire.

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TOP 10 REPUBLICANS

David Carney

Norway Hill

President George H.W. Bush's political director is one of the country's top consultants who just happens to live in-state.

Paul Collins

Executive Director, NHGOP

Former U.S. Sen. John E. Sununu's chief of staff is the party's bright political mind.

Mike Dennehy

The Dennehy Group

The architect of McCain's two N.H. primary wins runs a successful Concord lobby firm.

Ed Dupont

The Dupont Group

Former Senate president runs one of the biggest Concord lobby firms.

Rich Killion

Elevare Communications

Former Franklin Pierce U. pollster and campaign operative is a rising star.

Sean Mahoney

Republican National Committeeman

He is one of the party's chief fundraisers and publisher of BusinessNH Magazine.

Joel Maiola

Granite Edge Consulting, LLC.

Former U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg's right hand man for decades, Maiola went solo with some of the state's most high profile clients.

Joe McQuiad

Publisher of New Hampshire Union Leader

While losing clout, he still has the state's biggest megaphone and uses it.

Tom Rath

Rath Young and Pignatelli

The former state attorney general is an advisor to presidents.

John H. Sununu

N.H. Republican Chairman

The former Governor and White House chief of staff is now aiming to bring his party back.

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Kerry Marsh
Spectrum Marketing

Scott Tranchmontagne
Montagne Communications

Pat Griffin
Griffin, York and Krause

Jim Merrill
Devine Strategies

Rich Ashooh
BAE Systems

John E. Sununu
Former U.S. senator

Drew Cline
Editorial page editor,
New Hampshire Union Leader

Kelly Ayotte
State attorney general

Jim Roche
President of New Hampshire Business and Industry Association

Steve Duprey
Former state chairman and developer

Paul Montrone
Fisher Scientific CEO

Deb Vanderbeek
Lobbyist

Chris Williams
Nashua Chamber of Commerce

Jack Heath
Meridian Communications and talk show host

Paul Holloway
Car dealership owner, higher education activist and party fund-raiser

Sherm Packard
House Republican leader

Ted Gatsas
State senator

Alicia Preston
Communications consultant

Jayne Millerick
Communications consultant

Jamie Burnett
Profile Strategy Group

Bob Clegg
Former state senator and lobbyist

Jeb Bradley
State senator and former congressman

Darwin Cusack
Consultant and former congressional chief of staff

Keith Murphy
Bar owner and organizer

Kevin Smith
Director of social conservative Cornerstone Research

Bill Bartlett
Former state senator and lobbyist

Erin Haas
Former state House staffer and lobbyist

Angela Spradling
Senate Republican staffer

Pat Hynes
National Republican communications consultant based in Portsmouth

John Stephen
Former Health and Human Services commissioner and lobbyist

Greg Moore
Former Stephen staffer and communications consultant

Alyssa Shooshan
U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg's chief of staff

J. Bonnie Newman
Almost U.S. senator, Fairpoint Communications

Tom Derosa
Former NHGOP political director and founder of RedHampshire.com

John Lyons
State school board member

Donna Sytek
Former House speaker

Ray Burton
Longest-serving Executive Councilor

Bob Odell
State senator and potential congressional candidate

Peter Bragdon
Senate Republican leader

Bill Cahill
Former Executive Councilor and communications consultant



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TOP 10 DEMOCRATS

Dean Barker

Publisher of BlueHampshire.com
The most influential day-to-day voice in the Democratic Party.

Ray Buckley

State Democratic Chair
The ultimate Democratic operative in state and only openly gay Democratic state chair.

Jim Demers

Lobbyist and Friend of President Obama
The biggest Democratic lobbyist in the state was the earliest supporter for President Obama.

Gary Hirshberg

Stonyfield Yogurt CEO and Major Fundraiser
Hirshberg is a maverick and has the money to do what he wants.

Maggie Hassan

Senate Majority Leader
She is potentially the next governor; a passionate and a savvy power player.

Judy Reardon

Senior Adviser to U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen
She is the Harold Ickes of New Hampshire. She knows the data and procedure.

Billy Shaheen

Husband of Jeanne Shaheen
Everyone takes his calls and his advice.

Rich Sigel

Gov. John Lynch's Chief of Staff
He wields power for his extremely popular boss.

Kathy Sullivan

Democratic National Committeewoman
Once the longest-serving state chair, she is the ultimate insider.

Mike Vlacich

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's State Director
Former party executive director and campaign manager for Lynch understands "quiet" politics.

TOP 40 DEMOCRATS

Anne McLane Kuster

Lobbyist and congressional candidate

Terie Norelli

House speaker from Portsmouth

Mark McKenzie

Head of local AFL-CIO

Mark Bodi

State Liquor Commission chair and former advertising executive

Terry Shumaker

Attorney and former ambassador under Clinton

Arnie Arneson

Former gubernatorial nominee and talk show personality

Ned Helms

Former gubernatorial nominee, health care policy analyst, friend of President Obama

Steve Marchand

Former Portsmouth mayor and top Democratic strategist

Deb Pignatelli

Executive Councilor from Nashua

Beverly Hollingsworth

Executive Councilor and former Senate president from Hampton

Maura Keefe

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's chief of staff

Martha Fuller Clark

State senator from Portsmouth and friend of President Obama

Peter Burling

Democratic National Committeeman

Joe Keefe

Former congressional nominee and top Democratic strategist

George Bruno

Former party chair and ambassador for Clinton

Gary and Lenore Patton

Seacoast power duo

Lou D'Allesandro

Long-time state senator from Manchester

Dick and Katrina Swett

He's a former congressman and Clinton ambassador. She's a future congressional candidate.

Justin Nadeau

2004 congressional nominee and party fund-raiser

Sylvia Larsen

Senate president from Concord

John Kacavas

Prominent Manchester attorney and potential U.S. Attorney

Mark Fernald

2002 gubernatorial nominee and liberal hero

Sharon Nordgren

Beloved Upper Valley state representative

Susan Bruce

Former Kucinich staffer and columnist

Sue Mayer

Close friend of U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter

Mary and John Rauh

Major fundraisers and well connected

Chris Pappas

Manchester Democrats chair and rising star

Mike Atkins

Highly regarded attorney from Nashua

Dave Nixon

Major Manchester attorney and state representative

Colin Van Ostern

Consultant who ran 2008 coordinated campaign and is close with every player in the party

Kris Schultz

Ran the last successful competitive statewide primary race

Mary Jane Wallner

House Democratic leader

Ron Tunning

Laconia Democratic chair and emerging player

Karen Hicks

Former Howard Dean, Jeanne Shaheen and Hillary Clinton staffer. In 2004 ran the DNC's national field operations

Scott Merrick

Rising star state representative from the North Country

Jon Bresler

Party activist and entrepreneur

Tim and Joan Ashwell

Durham Democratic chair and Strafford County chair

Jim Monahan

Respected Concord lobbyist

Ricia McMahon

Former Clinton official and state representative

Jim Bouley

Concord lobbyist



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