

Biographical Sketch – Kay Holcombe

Kay Holcombe is currently Senior Policy Advisor at Genzyme Corporation, a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based biotechnology company. Located at Genzyme's Washington, DC, government relations office, Kay works with government relations and regulatory affairs staff as well as with principals in the various Genzyme business units to develop and implement corporate policies and appropriate responses to government initiatives in the regulatory and policy arenas. In that capacity, she works with members of Congress and their staffs, as well as with officials in the Food and Drug Administration and other agencies whose actions have direct impact on the corporation.

Before joining Genzyme in 2006, Kay spent 8 years as Executive Vice President of Policy Directions Inc., a government relations firm specializing in strategic planning and legislative and regulatory advocacy regarding health care and related issues. She represented a variety of clients in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology, food, and consumer products industries and in academia, providing strategic advice and assistance and advocacy at federal regulatory and funding agencies and in the U.S. Congress.

Earlier, she served as professional health legislative staff member and senior health policy advisor for the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce; health legislative staff for the Senate Committee on Labor Human Resources; Deputy Associate Commissioner for Legislative Affairs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Executive Vice President of the Foundation for Biomedical Research (advocating on behalf of the appropriate and necessary use of animals in research); Associate Director for Public Health Legislation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Deputy Associate Administrator for Planning, Evaluation, and Legislation, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Public Health Service; Special Assistant to the Director, Division of Legislative Affairs, National Institutes of Health; Executive Secretary, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute National Advisory Council; and researcher, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health.

Kay received her B.S. in chemistry education from the University of Illinois and her M.S. in chemistry from the University of Virginia. She graduated with honors and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Iota Sigma Pi.