



Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett Appoints New Chief of Staff

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Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett has appointed a new lead advisor to his administration, naming veteran policy strategist Leslie Gromis Baker as his new Chief of Staff.

Ms. Gromis Baker, a Pittsburgh resident, has been serving as Gov. Corbett's federal government liaison in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. She is founder and president of the political consulting firm LG Strategies, served as co-director of Gov. Corbett's gubernatorial transition team, and was his senior advisor during the gubernatorial election.

"We at Archer have had the pleasure of working with Leslie over the years," said Richard S. Mroz, Esquire, a member of [Archer's Government Affairs Practice](#). Mr. Mroz worked with Ms. Gromis Baker during her previous tenure with the administration of Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, while Mr. Mroz was a top advisor, including Chief Counsel, to New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman. The two have also collaborated at various other times during their careers in public policy.

"She is highly professional, highly capable, and highly effective," Mr. Mroz said. "We know the Corbett administration will be served well by this appointment."

A veteran of numerous campaigns and governmental administrations, Ms. Gromis Baker was Gov. Ridge's Director of Public Liaison. She also served as Political Director for Gov. Ridge's 1994 campaign and Campaign Manager of his 1998 reelection campaign.

A former White House political aide to President George H.W. Bush, Ms. Gromis Baker also held major statewide and regional leadership posts in the successful presidential campaigns of his son, President George W. Bush.

Ms. Gromis Baker replaces Stephen Aichele, who served as Gov. Corbett's General Counsel before becoming Chief of Staff just over a year ago.

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