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Tony advises clients on public policy issues related to artificial intelligence (AI), defense, space, and emerging technologies and specializes in congressional strategies, the legislative process, and the regulatory process. He leads DLA Piper's AI Practice in Washington D.C. and brings 12 years of experience working with members of Congress on emerging technologies having served as

senior policy advisor to Senator Martin Heinrich, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

He was the founding director of the Senate Artificial Intelligence Caucus and was Senator Heinrich's principal author of US\$2.2 billion legislation, the Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act (AI-IA), that was endorsed by 11 major associations and institutions to organize a national strategy for AI and invest in academia, national laboratories, and industry. Tony also advised the 15-member National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence. Tony led a legislative strategy in the National Defense Authorization Act to create new career tracks in the Department of Defense for digital engineering focusing on digital technologies like 5G, cloud computing and AI.

Tony served as the lead advisor to the Ranking Member of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, Senate Armed Services Committee, overseeing over US\$15 billion budget in space programs. Tony secured significant appropriations over 12 years to invest in satellite capabilities and executed a legislative strategy to develop the military's leading responsive space program, which is now a nearly half-billion program and plays a critical role in the Space Force.

Tony helped found and manage the Congressional Directed Energy Caucus, and helped author, negotiate, and enact legislation on Directed Energy to (1) Create a US\$100 million Directed Energy Weapon System Program to transition high-powered-microwave and high-energy-laser weapons systems to the military; (2) establish a Senior-level position at the Pentagon for the technology; and (3) require a Strategic Roadmap for fielding the technology.

Tony is also an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, which is a bipartisan think tank based in Washington, D.C.

Tony Samp is not a lawyer.

RELATED SERVICES

- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs

CREDENTIALS

Education

- B.A., Baylor University
- M.A., Strategic Security Studies, National Defense University

INSIGHTS

Publications

National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence releases Second Quarterly Report

12 August 2020
AI Outlook

The report includes recommendations to update export controls, screen foreign investment, accelerate research and establish a National Reserve Digital Corps.

Coronavirus testing and contact tracing: House Democrats' HEROES Act provides US\$75 billion to support testing and tracing to monitor and suppress COVID-19 transmission

21 May 2020

A major element for a successful, large-scale contact tracing program is data management and technology, and technology partners will play a major role in modifying existing systems as well as developing new data interfaces.

Now is the time for an economic stimulus in artificial intelligence — or the US could fall behind

21 May 2020

An area of new stimulus that should not be overlooked.

Coronavirus: Overview of healthcare funding stimulus and policy provisions in the CARES Act (United States)

10 April 2020

Among numerous health policy provisions in the CARES Act is one allowing BARDA to partner with private sector companies on R&D.

US \$2T stimulus COVID-19 package includes significant R&D funding

10 April 2020

A summary of R&D funding in the CARES Act broken out by federal departments and agencies.

Hospitality industry update: President signs into law massive COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus package

3 April 2020

Phase 3 in the ongoing federal government efforts to respond to the health and economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coronavirus: Congressional leaders and the Trump Administration reach agreement on massive COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus package

26 March 2020

Senate Republican and Democratic leaders and the Trump Administration announced on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 that they have reached a deal on The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Coronavirus: executive summary – key highlights from Washington (March 20, 2020) (United States)

20 March 2020

As the White House, Congress and federal government agencies scramble to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis, DLA Piper's Federal Law and Policy team is providing regular updates on the latest developments from the nation's capital.

Europe initiates regulations on artificial intelligence; industry presented with opportunity to provide inputs

5 March 2020

AI Outlook

The White Paper on AI initiates a process that could potentially establish the world's first far-reaching regulatory framework for AI.

White House proposes doubling artificial intelligence budget

13 February 2020

AI Outlook

Lawmakers now have the opportunity to debate and amend the budget proposal in the upcoming appropriations process.

White House issues guidelines for regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to artificial intelligence

8 January 2020

AI Outlook

Michael Kratsios, Chief Technology Officer of the United States, called the new initiative the "first of its kind" – the first "binding document" for how government agencies will regulate emerging AI technology.

Congressional hearing to focus on facial recognition and national security

12 December 2019

AI Outlook

Technologies controlled by foreign governments and their implications for privacy and national security are expected to be a major topic.

DC policymakers working to stay ahead of – or keep up with – AI innovations

4 November 2019

AI Outlook

The inaugural issue of *AI Outlook* reviews the latest developments around AI in Washington and discusses what these bills and trends mean for business.

America can't afford to sit out the artificial intelligence race

31 October 2019

Roll Call

Federal government must lead with purpose, smart policy and appropriate investment.

Events

Previous

Privacy Symposium Webinar

10 March 2020

Webinar

NEWS

Tony Samp joins DLA Piper as policy advisor in Washington, DC

10 July 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Tony Samp has joined the firm's Government Affairs practice as a policy advisor in Washington, DC.
