

Dave Celona

Short Biography

Dave Celona has more than 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors. In 2009 he founded Strategic Impact Consulting, a public policy and advocacy consultancy practice advising both for-profit and non-profit organizations, primarily in the energy, utility, economic development and infrastructure spaces. A current sampling of SI Clients includes Duke Energy, Duke Energy Retail, IGS Energy, the Ohio Gas Association, Time Warner Cable, the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association, the University of Toledo, the Northwest Ohio Solar Hub, MedImmune, RW Armstrong, People Working Cooperatively and ARMADA. Celona is also a principal in an alternative energy project development firm that is responsible for the development of the largest solar electricity project east of the Rocky Mountains – Turning Point Solar (49.9 MW).

Previously, Celona spent nearly a decade as an executive officer of two of the nation's largest electric utilities (American Electric Power and Duke Energy) leading the environmental, economic development, regulatory, legislative, community development, communications and philanthropic functions.

Celona also served for a decade as a senior leader in the public sector serving on an Ohio Governor's Senior Staff as the Executive Assistant for Business and Industry and Legislative Director as well as Chief of Staff of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Celona has served on numerous non-profit boards including the Cincinnati Zoo, Children's Hunger Alliance (Chair), Cincinnati Arts and Technology Center, Salvation Army and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. He is a past Chair of the Ohio Electric Utility Institute. He also serves on the Ohio University Public Affairs Advisory Council and is a former Ohio University State Government Alumni of the Year Award recipient. Celona has earned an M.B.A. from the Fisher School of Business at The Ohio State University, an M.A. in International Relations from Ohio University and a B.A. in Government from the University of Notre Dame.