

SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Matthew Windrum is director of state government affairs, policy and advocacy at Plumbing Manufacturers International, working across 49 states on a diverse range of issues, including clean drinking water, water efficiency, skilled trades workforce development and wider manufacturing policy. He is responsible for developing relationships with state-elected officials, policymakers and agencies, working to share and advance the policy interests of PMI and its members.

Windrum has more than 15 years of experience in state government affairs. Before joining PMI, he was a vice president at Kasirer LLC, New York City's premier lobbying firm. There, he advised corporate clients on developing and executing strategies that effectively engaged elected and other government officials to advance strategic goals in reputation management, procurement, legislative initiatives, and other key priorities.

Previously, he was director of government relations in the Northeast at accredited, nonprofit Western Governors University (WGU), the nation's largest fully online university by enrollment. He led WGU's state government relations strategy across 12 states running from Virginia to Maine.

Past roles include director of government and community affairs at New York City-based nonprofit The Doe Fund, which designs, develops and manages affordable and supportive housing. The organization operates three transitional homeless shelters and runs a work training program for homeless and formerly incarcerated men. Windrum also headed the political and economic affairs team at the British Consulate-General in New York, where he promoted and defended the United Kingdom's economic, foreign policy and national security priorities in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Windrum earned a master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in political science and Spanish from Lafayette College. He volunteers for the Epilepsy Foundation, raising awareness and understanding of epilepsy and seizures, and Dignity Beyond Borders, which is building a safe and inclusive global community for survivors of traumatic loss from terrorism, war and mass violence.

Born in Brooklyn and raised mostly in New York City's suburbs, Windrum lives in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with his wife, Susan, and (when they're not away at college) their son and daughter.