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Zak Malik joined Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies' research team in January 2019, where he will be supporting the New York City team with client services.

Zak brings with him cross-sector experience and a long standing interest in politics and policy. Prior to joining the firm, Zak worked on a congressional campaign in his home district, helping a new challenger unseat an incumbent. He spent the previous year as a NYC Coro Fellow in Public Affairs, where he gained a strong understanding of how the city operates by examining and gaining firsthand experience working in a variety of sectors and institutions. Through Coro, Zak worked at NYCHA, 32BJ, Moody's Corporation, the Public Policy Institute of New York State, and Industry City.

Before that, Zak was focused on education policy as a Policy and Advocacy Fellow with Leaders for Educational Equity. Zak is an alumni of Teach For America, where he taught high school special education in the Bay Area, California. Through TFA, he earned an M.A. in special education at Loyola Marymount University.

Zak graduated from Wesleyan University in 2014 with a B.A. in government. At Wesleyan, Zak ran varsity cross country and track and field, and played the drums in a band that opened for Kendrick Lamar. He is a proud Brooklyn native, where he is currently active in local politics.

Practice Areas

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- Wesleyan University, B.A., 2014
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