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William A. Ramos is a government affairs expert with extensive experience in government relations, public policy, legislation, advocacy, and academia at the intersection of local, state, and national governmental and non-profit organizational levels directly shaping and influencing the issues, policies, and systems that affect the nation.

William is currently an Adjunct Lecturer and member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the Austin Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College, City University of New York, his graduate school alma mater. William is a recent member of the Volunteer Interview Committee for the Appointments Team in the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition, focusing on "Building Back Better" with the Economic Cluster Team that included the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Small Business Administration and the Export and Import Bank.

Prior to joining the Dean's Advisory Board and Faculty at Baruch, William was appointed by President Barack Obama as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the Secretary at the U. S. Department of Commerce, promoting President Obama's "America is Open for Business" agenda with state, local, tribal and territorial elected officials across the country, and was a member of the administration-wide White House Intergovernmental Affairs Team for the full two terms of the Obama Presidency. William was also a member of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status where he chaired the Economic Development Committee.

William began his career at ASPIRA of Florida, a Puerto Rican youth leadership development organization as Deputy Director. He served as Director of Policy & Legislation for a Miami-Dade County Commissioner. William moved to Washington, DC where he has served as Director of Government Relations for Americas Promise: The Alliance for Youth and later joined the YMCA of the USA as Government Relations & Policy Consultant. A National Urban Fellows program alumnus, William served as an Executive Fellow for King County Executive Ron Sims in Seattle. William was also the Director of the Washington, DC Office of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, leading a team that represented NALEO's mission of empowering Latinos to fully participate in the American political process before Capitol Hill, the White House and the Administration. William earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Florida International University (FIU) and Master of Public Administration from the Bernard Baruch College, Austin Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at the City University of New York.

William is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, to include the 2010 Ana G. Méndez University System Presidential Medal, the St. John's University School of Law - 2010 Ronald H. Brown Civil Rights and Economic Development Award, named after former Commerce Secretary, and a 2013 Commerce Secretary Gold Medal, Commerce's highest honorary award. In 2015 Bernard Baruch College, Austin Marxe School of Public and International Affairs recognized William with one of ten Alumni Excellence Awards at its 20th Anniversary celebration.