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Andrew founded the Columbia Group in 2021 to assist private and public sector clients with challenges and opportunities, primarily in the rail industry. Today, the firm’s expertise includes railroad operations, real estate and ROW management, marketing and economic development, government affairs, and project advocacy. Its diverse client base includes railroads; shippers and supply chain partners; ports; engineering firms; private equity investors; and commercial, industrial, and energy developers.

For over 15 years Andrew led teams of government and public affairs professionals as Assistant Vice President at BNSF Railway, with systemwide responsibility for state, local, and tribal government affairs. Prior to BNSF, Andrew was Executive Policy Advisor to former Washington Governor Gary Locke (D-WA); he managed research projects and congressional relations at USDOT’s Volpe Center; and served in district and Capitol Hill staff roles for former US Congressman John Miller (R-WA). Throughout his career, he has received honors and recognition for his work, including being twice awarded the US Department of Transportation’s Bronze Medal for Superior Achievement.

Andrew holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in government from Harvard University and the University of Puget Sound, respectively. While at Harvard, his degree curriculum (ALM) centered on public policy development among multiple jurisdictions.

Andrew and his family live in Fort Worth, Texas, where his civic and charitable commitments include the North Texas Commission (Chairman, 2022-23), All Saints Health Foundation, the Executive Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, and Amazing Grace Children’s Charities.