

Morgan McCord joined Cornerstone in February 2020 to support the firm's growing national security, defense, and international client base. Currently, she is a pivotal member for both Cornerstone's national security and international teams. She primarily works for both defense and international clients including those of international organizations and foreign governments working with their embassies here in DC. Specifically, she works with the embassies of India and South Korea focusing on their international security policies within the Indo-Pacific.

Within the defense industry, she has a keen understanding for the aerospace and weapons of mass destruction industry. Her passion lies at the intersection of international security and foreign military sales. McCord is further developing this passion into an expertise as she is a master's candidate at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service in the distinguished Security Studies Program (SSP). Within SSP, she is pursuing the concentration of international security, learning Arabic, and along with pursuing the international certificate of diplomacy.

Before joining Cornerstone, McCord served as a national security associate at a boutique defense lobbying firm in DC. Prior to that, she worked on the Hill as a research assistant at the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee focusing on cybersecurity, counterterrorism, and drone legislation. McCord is currently a member of Women in Defense (WID), #NatSecGirlSquad, and Defense Chicks in DC where she looks to learn from other women in the defense industry.

Prior to graduating and moving to Washington, McCord completed many internships both in her native Tennessee and in Washington, DC interning for both Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) as a defense appropriations intern and former Rep. Jimmy Duncan (R-TN-02), graduating high school early at the age of seventeen to do so. During her last year at the University of Tennessee, McCord worked as a congressional campaign coordinator on Rep. Tim Burchett's (R-TN-02) campaign leading to a successful election. She has also worked on Sen. Alexander and former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam's campaigns across Tennessee. In 2016, she interned for the European Union (EU) while studying abroad in Europe, specifically focusing on international security in Brussels, Belgium. While interning for the EU, McCord had the opportunities to meet with various parliament members and European heads of state, including that of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, discussing the ongoing migrant crisis, counterterrorism policies, and more security challenges facing Europe.

McCord is a proud native of Tennessee and graduate of the University of Tennessee, where she received her BA in Political Science with a concentration in international relations in 2017. When she is not in the office, McCord can be found riding her horse "Ike" named after her favorite president and military general, running with her dog "Johnny Cash", or fly fishing in the mountains any chance she can.