FamousDC presents: *the HILLstory Flowchart*

What's your next move?

INTERN
The heartbeat of Capitol Hill.

BACK TO THE REAL WORLD
That was fun while you weren't sober. Goodbye D.C..

2nd INTERNSHIP
Because after the first internship, you still don't have a job.

GRAD SCHOOL
You quickly realized Capitol Hill wasn't for you.

STAFF ASSISTANT [SA]
Duties include phones, tours, mail & scheduling happy hours. You're also in charge of softball field reservations..

SCHEDULER
Arguably the most important position on staff, [like being the tallest midget] but the paycheck doesn't match up.
Note: All requests must be made in writing.

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Never to be heard from again.

LEGISLATIVE CORESPONDENT [LC]
Main duties include: complaining about constituents, filling in when the SA is at lunch, hooking up w/ interns & looking at grad schools.

PRESS ASST.
A staff assistant with a better title. Officially in charge of press clips. The weekly conference communications meeting is your Super Bowl. The bartender at T-Coast learns your first name.

UNEMPLOYMENT LINE
Law school decision not paying off ... yet.

LAW SCHOOL
Because someone convinced you it was a good idea and grad school doesn't cut it.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT [LA]
Think middle mgmt. You supervise the SA/interns and pretend to be more important than the LC. You have no idea what the press secretary does & you secretly hate her for getting all the Roll Call quotes.

PRESS SECRETARY
Using Facebook and Twitter is often your only press strategy. Responsible for press lists, pitch attempts and always first to happy hour.

NEW MEDIA EXPERT
Lord of the tweets & master of Facebook. You're familiar with iMovie, but terrible at using it. Amateur photographer, but you think you're a pro. First line of defense when HIR doesn't return calls.

BLOGGER
Imaginary income.

THINK TANK
Holding pattern for PhD program, but you author several papers per year and host interesting luncheons.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR [LD]
Again, think middle management, but with a more expensive outfit. Duties similar to that of an LA, but time-served has earned you a title change.

COMMS DIRECTOR
Messaging guru. First line of defense when sh*t hits the fan. First to complain when the policy shop doesn't respond quick enough. you spend hours at bars trying to explain the difference between you and the press secretary.

VP at PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM
Don't get excited, everyone's a VP. Your day to day is mostly filled with writing blog posts and tweets for clients. You're occasionally allowed to flex the corporate card at BLT Steak.

COMMITTEE STAFF
No more constituents to deal with & you get a better parking spot, but you have one main issue in your legislative portfolio: postal stamps.

ADMINISTRATION
Keep your head down and your shirt on.

JUNIOR LOBBYIST
You're not even sure what your role is, but you pretend like it's a great gig. Deep down you miss the hill.

SR. VP at PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM
The corporate card is all yours, no more blog posts, however landing new business is hard. "You don't really lobby?"

POLICY DIRECTOR [PD]
The waiting room for Deputy Chief of Staff or the private sector. Nobody quite knows the difference between PD and LD, but everyone pretends this role is important. You will likely get a POLITICO profile within 24 months.

CHIEF OF STAFF
The job you've dreamed of since arriving on capitol hill. The only person the boss truly listens to when they find themselves knee deep in scandal. otherwise, you're just the guy who refuses to let people leave early on friday.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
You're almost there. Hopefully you only have to wait a few more years until the CoS finally leaves. Likely one of three communicators in the office.

SENIOR LOBBYIST
Two years & 120 fundraisers later, the new title is yours. Now the campaign committees want you to max out.

PARTNER
Whether it's PR, a law firm or a lobbying group, everyone wants to be partner. Enjoy the golf course.

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