

CHARLES S. KONIGSBERG

Charles S. Konigsberg, attorney, writer, and policy analyst has broad experience in appropriations, budget, health, tax, and domestic policy in the U.S. Senate, White House Office of Management and Budget and nonprofits.

Mr. Konigsberg served as Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs at the White House Office of Management & Budget under three successive Budget Directors; and as a senior staff member in the U.S. Senate for 13 years, including General Counsel at Senate Finance Committee, Minority Chief Counsel at Senate Rules Committee, and Staff Attorney at Senate Budget Committee.



Highlights:

- **Assistant Director, Leg. Affairs, White House Office of Management & Budget**
- **General Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, majority staff**
- **Chief Health Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, minority staff**
- **Chief Counsel, Senate Rules & Administration Committee, minority staff**
- **Staff Attorney, Senate Budget Committee, majority staff**
- **Director, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Corp. for National Service**
- **Vice President, Strategy and Policy, NEMA**
- **Director, National Bipartisan Debt Reduction Task Force**
- **Author, [*America's Priorities*](#), 431 pp. (federal spending, taxes, fiscal policy, and process)**
- **Founder / Editor-in-Chief: [Appropriations.com](#), [GovBudget.com](#), [FedTaxPortal.com](#)**

Mr. Konigsberg spent four years in the Executive Office of the President serving as Assistant Director at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) where he managed legislative affairs with the Senate for three successive OMB Directors. He managed the writing, editing, and negotiation of the President's Statements of Administration Policy (SAPs) on tight deadlines to ensure that Administration positions were fully and clearly communicated prior to congressional votes. He advanced the President's budget and fiscal policy priorities and designed and launched a daily legislative report for the OMB Director and senior White House officials. He also managed implementation of the President's item veto authority and worked on the Solicitor General's legal team in preparation for Supreme Court review of that authority. Mr. Konigsberg was awarded for Outstanding Service to OMB.

Also, in the Executive Branch, Mr. Konigsberg served as Director of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal parent agency to AmeriCorps, Learn & Serve America, and Senior Service Corps.

Mr. Konigsberg began his Senate career as Staff Attorney at the Senate Budget Committee where, as one of two attorneys advising the Chairman, he reviewed all Senate legislation for compliance with federal budget laws and wrote the first two editions of the Committee's plain English explanation of the congressional budget, authorization, and appropriations processes. Mr. Konigsberg developed a smooth and productive working relationship with Senate committees, Senate leadership, parliamentarians, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and the General Accounting Office (now the Government Accountability Office).

After the Budget Committee, Mr. Konigsberg served at the Senate Rules & Administration Committee for

six years, ultimately serving as Minority Chief Counsel for the Ranking Member. In that capacity, he was responsible for a wide variety of legal, procedural, labor, and institutional matters involving the Senate and its committees of jurisdiction. He developed a highly productive, smooth, and bipartisan working relationship with the majority staff, and provided strategic and policy advice to the Ranking Member.

He served four years as General Counsel for Chairman Pat Moynihan at the Senate Finance Committee, also serving as Chief Health Counsel on the minority staff. As General Counsel, he played a key role in achieving enactment of landmark \$500 billion tax, trade, health, and debt legislation. As Chief Health Counsel, he supervised enactment of Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP legislation, and conceived and drafted the budget title of health reform legislation.

Mr. Konigsberg served as Director at the National Bipartisan Debt Reduction Task Force that included nineteen former Governors, Mayors, Cabinet officers, Congressmen, Senators, and representatives of the academic, business, and labor sectors. The Task Force achieved an unprecedented accomplishment – bipartisan consensus on a detailed, long-term federal budget plan to stabilize the debt, strengthen Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and simplify the tax code.

An experienced writer, Mr. Konigsberg is author of [*America's Priorities: How the U.S. Government Raises and Spends \\$3 Trillion Per Year*](#) (431 pp.), which has received bipartisan praise: “Charles Konigsberg has done a great service for American taxpayers—giving all of us a clear, direct and meaningful guide to \$3 trillion of our money that goes to the government to fund programs that shape our daily lives.” (Norman Ornstein, AEI) “This is an extremely useful book—both for those seeking a comprehensible introduction to the complexities of the federal budget and to practitioners needing a...refresher course.” (Alice Rivlin, Brookings, OMB, CBO, Federal Reserve) As an adjunct professor, Mr. Konigsberg taught the budget and legislative processes to graduate students at George Washington University.

Mr. Konigsberg is founder and editor-in-chief of [Appropriations.com](#), [GovBudget.com](#), and [FedTaxPortal.com](#) -- which provide nonpartisan, plain English explanations of federal spending, taxes, fiscal policy, and budget process. He has been interviewed by *Voice of America*, *C-SPAN's Washington Journal*, *PBS NewsHour*, *Bloomberg Radio*, *Fox Business News*, *ABC Radio's Money Talk*, *CNN Money*, *National Public Radio*, *National Journal*, *The Hill*, and *Congressional Quarterly/Roll Call*.

Mr. Konigsberg served as Vice President for Strategy and Policy at NEMA, where he provided strategic and legislative advice to the CEO on issues critical to the success of electrical and medical imaging manufacturers. Accomplishments at NEMA include: building a broad industry coalition on tax reform incentives for energy efficiency technologies; managing the Association's multiple strategic initiatives including energy efficiency tax incentives, smart cities, microgrids, state code adoption, and cybersecurity; developing an industry resource manual to assist State and local jurisdictions in rebuilding after superstorm Sandy; overseeing Power Africa and other industry trade initiatives; and building constructive working relationships with Congress and the Administration.

He graduated *magna cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and from the Case Western Reserve School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio where he was Law Review Executive Editor.

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