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Charles S. Konigsberg, attorney, policy analyst, and writer, has broad experience in budget, health, tax, trade, energy, fiscal and domestic policy analysis in the U.S. Senate, the White House Office of Management and Budget, trade associations, 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 legal counsel in the U.S. Senate for 13 years, including General Counsel and Minority Chief Health Counsel at Senate Finance Committee, Minority Chief Counsel at Senate Rules Committee, and Staff Attorney at Senate Budget Committee.



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Highlights:

- **Assistant Director for Leg. Affairs, White House Office of Management & Budget**
- **General Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, majority staff**
- **Vice President, Strategy and Policy, NEMA**
- **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**
- **Author, *America's Priorities: How the U.S. Government Raises and Spends \$3 Trillion per year***
- **Designed and Launched: GovBudget.com; Appropriations.com**
- **Current: Analyst on Congress & Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service**

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 supervised White House clearance of the President's Statements of Administration Policy (SAPs) to ensure Administration positions on all authorizing legislation were fully and clearly communicated prior to congressional votes. He designed and launched a daily legislative report for the OMB Director and senior White House officials and served on the Solicitor General's legal team in preparation for Supreme Court review of line item veto 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 Senate Budget Committee where he reviewed all Senate legislation for compliance with federal budget law 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 the Senate's 18 committees, Senate leadership, parliamentarians, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and 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, budget, labor, and institutional matters involving the Senate and provided strategic and policy advice to the Ranking Member on budget, tax policy, and trade.

He served four years as General Counsel at the Senate Finance Committee, also serving as Chief Health Counsel on the minority staff. As General Counsel on the majority staff, he played a key role in achieving enactment of landmark \$500 billion tax, trade, health, and debt legislation. As minority 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 Vice President for Strategy and Policy at NEMA, where he provided nonpartisan strategic and legislative advice to the CEO. Accomplishments at NEMA include: building a broad nonpartisan industry coalition on tax reform incentives for energy efficiency technologies; managing the Association's multiple strategic initiatives on energy efficiency, smart cities, microgrids and cybersecurity; developing an industry resource manual to assist State and local jurisdictions in rebuilding after superstorm Sandy; and overseeing Power Africa and other industry trade initiatives.

Mr. Konigsberg served as Director of the Domenici-Rivlin 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 result—bipartisan consensus on a long-term fiscal stabilization plan.

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 the \$3 trillion of our money that goes to the government to fund programs that shape our daily lives." (Norman Ornstein, AEI) "Anyone needing to know how the U.S. government raises and spends \$3 trillion each year, will find the answer in Charles Konigsberg's indispensable guide to the budget process and its consequences. *America's Priorities* is a must-have reference for all concerned citizens." (Matthew Winkler, Editor-in-Chief, Bloomberg News)

As an adjunct professor, Mr. Konigsberg taught fiscal policy, budget and legislative process to graduate students at George Washington University.

Mr. Konigsberg is currently Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process at the Congressional Research Service. Prior to his service at CRS, he designed and launched three domestic policy websites: [Appropriations.com](#), [GovBudget.com](#), and [FedTaxPortal.com](#).

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 a Law Review Executive Editor.

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