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BA/BS	A. B., Harvard College, summa cum laude, 1979
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1983 – 86 : associate attorney, Crowell and Moring, Washington DC

1987 – 94 : counsel, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs

1995 – 96 : counsel, Senator Carl Levin, D-Mich : taxes, budget, judiciary, procurement

1996 – 2001 : Democratic Counsel, Senate Com. on Armed Services

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Peter Levine

Majority General Counsel

Unlike many of the committee staff, Levine, 49, does not have decades of military experience. But after more than 10 years on the panel, he has become an expert on a range of military matters, not the least of which is the intricate world of reforming the Pentagon's bureaucratic weapons-buying system. Current and former colleagues described Levine, a Los Angeles native, as a brilliant lawyer with a firm grasp on the panel's issues. "When you work with Peter, you better bring your 'A' game," David Morriss, the panel's minority counsel, said. Levine, who holds a bachelor's and a law degree from Harvard, worked for the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and in the personal office of Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., during the 10 years before he moved to the committee. Before that, he worked at Washington law firm Crowell & Moring, and he says he has never regretted the pay cut he took when he left private practice. "The good thing about working on the Hill -- certainly when you're working for Senator Levin -- is that I find that I agree with him, and am able to fight for things I believe in," Levine said. "It's a wonderful luxury."

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Career Record: 1983–1986, associate attorney, Crowell and Moring (Washington, D.C.); 1987–1994, counsel, Subc. on Oversight of Government Management, Senate Cmte. on Governmental Affairs; 1995–1996, counsel, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.; 1996–2001, Democratic counsel, Senate Cmte. on Armed Services; 2001–2002, Democratic staff dir., Senate Cmte. on Armed Services; 2003–2007, Democratic counsel, Senate Cmte. on Armed Services; 2007–present, general counsel, Senate Cmte. on Armed Services

Expertise: Legal issues and nominations, lobbying disclosure laws, federal procurement system, environmental policy

In the first year of renewed Democratic control of Congress, the marquee defense story was the success of the minority Republicans in blocking efforts to legislate U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq.

But under a new chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Armed Services Committee quietly found much common ground in their annual policy marathon: the creation of the budget and policy blueprint known as the Defense Department authorization bill.

Levin chose an advisor of two decades' standing, Peter Levine, to be the committee's general counsel and his lead staffer in producing the authorization.

Levine brought to the job much experience in oversight of defense management issues and in environmental and procurement policy. He also advises Levin on civilian nominations at the Pentagon – a key position as incoming Defense Secretary Robert Gates filled out his roster and ushered in a period of improved relations between Capitol Hill and the Bush national security team.

The 2008 authorization imposed substantial policy changes on the president's budget request and his national security policy – often with bipartisan support.

Chairman Levin sharpened the committee's focus on one of his longtime concerns: acquisition and procurement policy at the Pentagon. This perennial trouble spot drew special scrutiny after a finding of official impropriety in the award of contracts to Boeing in the mid-1990s. Levine, who helped Levin write the original Lobbying Disclosure Act in 1995, has since been active in the committee's monitoring of defense contracting policy.

Repeated reviews of weapons-buying policy over the course of several administrations have highlighted chronic problems and made it a topic of bipartisan concern for Levin and the committee's ranking Republican, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.).

Levin launched inquiries into three specific acquisition concerns: shortcomings in Iraq reconstruction and support contracting, abuses of interagency contracting and of contracting for services, and the need to reinvigorate the acquisition workforce.

Another top priority for Levine has been the military's response to the detainee abuses that came to light after September 11, 2001, and the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Levin and McCain have collaborated on several initiatives to guard against improper treatment of detainees.

Before joining the Armed Services Committee staff in 1996, Levine was counsel to the Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. He then served in Levin's personal office for two years.

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