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Captain, JAGC, U.S. Air Force, 1982-1986

Carrière :

May 1988 – 31 aout 2005 : Counsel, minority staff director, House Armed Services Committee (17 ans)

1998 – 1999 : DASD for M&P, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs

2005 – 07 : General Counsel, Commission on the National Guard and Reserves

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Sources biblio/bio, articles, divers.

Experience

Henry J. Schweiter focuses his practice on Government Contracts and Government Affairs. He works with companies inexperienced in dealing with the federal government, as well as with established government contractors, in resolving contractual issues with the government and in the development and implementation of success oriented government affairs strategies. These strategies involve targeted legislative and regulatory solutions, media strategies, legal advice about government contracting opportunities, and business development. Mr. Schweiter is particularly knowledgeable about the programs and activities of the Departments of Defense, Energy, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Schweiter also represents clients who are under investigation by, or appear before, congressional committees, commissions, and federal agencies. His practice includes conducting internal investigations and the development and implementation of compliance programs. He also advises contractors regarding participation in the Defense Department's disclosure program and compliance with the FAR's mandatory disclosure requirements.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Schweiter served for 15 years in several senior positions with the Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives, including counsel, general counsel and minority staff director. During that time, he was responsible for formulating and implementing legislative initiatives, media strategy, and parliamentary procedure related to the annual national defense authorization act and other legislation. Mr. Schweiter served as a liaison to the leadership, House and Senate committees, the White House, the Department of Defense, industry officials and private sector groups. As general counsel, he was the senior legal advisor to the committee chairman and members of the committee. As minority staff director and counsel, he was the senior professional staff member and legal advisor to the Committee's ranking member and the 27 other minority members of the Committee. Mr. Schweiter also served in the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. Mr. Schweiter also worked as senior counsel for a professional services company, served as the general counsel of the congressional Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, and served on active duty as an Air Force judge advocate.

Mr. Schweiter is a recipient of the Department of Defense award for distinguished public service, the Department of the Navy award for meritorious public service and is the author of several articles on national security-related topics.

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President Obama Appoints Phillip Carter as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs

Presswire

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WASHINGTON, April 30 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- President Obama appoints McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (MLA) attorney Phillip Carter to the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs.

Phil Carter joined MLA's Los Angeles office in 2004, and later transferred to the New York office. Since his start with the firm he has been an integral part of the national Government Contracts practice, involved in a wide variety of projects and assignments, including *pro bono* efforts related to detainee issues.

"We are tremendously proud of Phil for taking on this challenging assignment," said former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and firm member, Paul McHale, who also served in Afghanistan as a colonel in the Marine Corps reserve. "His new role in the Administration is extremely significant in a time of such heightened awareness to these types of issues." McHale continued, "As a firm, MLA encourages its members to seek outside opportunities and engage in public service." MLA lawyer Jim Schweiter, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower & Reserve Affairs, as well as the former General Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee, said "Phil has the right combination of experience and judgment to take on this challenging position at a key moment in our nation's history. We wish him the best in this important new role for the country."

While with MLA, Carter has written extensively on legal and military issues for a variety of publications including *Slate*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. He has also been a leading advocate for veterans, and helped found the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, playing a central role in the organization's efforts to fully fund veterans' healthcare, increase funding for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries, and pass a new GI Bill. During the 2008 election, Carter served as a policy adviser to the Obama campaign, and later as the Obama-Biden campaign's national veterans director.

Prior to joining MLA, Carter served as an officer in the United States Army, including nine years of active and reserve service with military police and civil affairs units. In 2005-06, he took a leave of absence from MLA to deploy to Iraq with the Army's 101st Airborne Division, where he served as an adviser to the Iraqi police.

Carter received his B.A. *cum laude*, as well as his J.D., from UCLA.

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Longtime committee staff director to retire

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The House Armed Services Committee's longtime minority staff director, Jim Schweiter, is retiring after 15 years as a professional staff member.

Schweiter, who has been praised by both the Democrats and the Republicans on the committee, will be retiring at the end of August. Schweiter's retirement follows the departure in June of the majority staff director, Robert Rangel, who now is Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's chief of staff.

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Minority Staff

Henry J. `Jim' Schweiter

Minority Staff Director, Counsel

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As the minority staff director since 2000, Schweiter has already served under three different Republican chairmen. And Schweiter notes that since Hunter took over this year, there's been a pronounced shift in style. "Hunter is a much more activist chairman than his two immediate predecessors," says Schweiter, who also spent a decade from 1988 to 1998 as an attorney at the committee, including four years as general counsel. "Hunter sees himself as an advocate for the administration and its policies," and tends to push Pentagon requests in the annual authorization bills "without extensive scrutiny." But Schweiter, 47, is well equipped to handle new challenges, given his extensive experience in defense manpower, organization, management, and national security law issues. Schweiter also logged two years as the deputy assistant secretary of Defense for manpower and personnel from 1998 to 2000. "He knows as much about DOD organization and management as anybody in the Pentagon or on Capitol Hill," says one lobbyist familiar with Schweiter's career. An avid deer and duck hunter, Schweiter is a native of Carlisle, Pa. He has a B.A. from Gettysburg College and a J.D. from the University of Toledo.

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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE STAFFS - House National Security Biographies

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Henry J. (Jim) Schweiter General Counsel In a striking sign that all-out partisanship is not necessarily in the cards for the Republican-controlled Armed Services Committee, the GOP leadership decided to retain Schweiter, 40, as general counsel--a position he has held since 1988. Schweiter served in the Air Force for six years after earning his law degree from the University of Toledo in 1981. As might be expected, the North Carolina native has conceded that it will be a neat trick, doing "a 180" and advising the Republicans after so many years of carrying water for the committee's Democratic members.

Robert S. Rangel Deputy Staff Director Before being tapped for the No. 2 billet on the committee, Rangel, 35, had a notably broad brief--dictated, as much as anything else, by the attenuated size of the GOP minority staff. Before joining the committee in 1987, he worked as a defense aide to former-Rep. Larry J. Hopkins, R-Ky. "I think Robert Rangel is really one of the best-kept secrets over there," a Republican think-tank analyst said. "He's a very sober, savvy guy."

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Experts downplay impact of Defense procurement reform bill

By [TOM SPOTH](#) | Last Updated: April 30, 2010

The IMPROVE Acquisition Act that the House passed overwhelmingly Wednesday is supposed to cut costs and waste in Pentagon acquisitions. But two key experts say the touted benefits of the bill are likely overblown.

Jim Schweiter, a former House Armed Services Committee staff member and Pentagon official, said the bill is "much ado about a little more than not much."

"Many provisions direct [the Defense Department] to do things it's already doing of its own accord," he said. The bill may be "overprescriptive" and a clause that would require companies that apply for government contracts to disclose tax debt is likely to be revised substantially, said Schweiter, now an attorney with the law firm McKenna Long & Aldridge.

Peter Levine, counsel for the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that unlike last year's Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act, there is no companion bill in the Senate for the IMPROVE Acquisition Act. Therefore, Wednesday's vote was largely meaningless. The acquisition bill will most likely be attached to the larger Defense authorization bill in the House later this year, and only then would it be considered by the Senate.

Levine said that the House Armed Services Committee's bill is "a little bit of a mishmash of provisions" and that the Senate would have to go through it one item at a time. He also suggested that the potential cost savings trumpeted by Congress members probably are overblown.

"It's unrealistic to think you're going to cut [costs that much] without actually buying less," Levine said.

Levine and Schweiter spoke about the bill at a Coalition for Government Procurement conference Thursday.

Citing a looming budget crisis, the House passed legislation April 28 designed to force the military to be more cost-conscious when it buys a vast range of goods and services — from computers and software to lawn-mowing services.

The IMPROVE Acquisition Act could save \$27 billion a year, said the bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Robert Andrews, D-N.J.

The act passed in the House on a 417-3 vote amid warnings from House members that the nation's huge deficit will likely mean that future defense budgets will have less tolerance for waste.

The measure would hold acquisition workers more accountable for the performance; improve financial management to enable the Pentagon to be audited; expand the industrial base to increase competition; and reward acquisition workers who save money and punish those who don't.

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