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Prénom, Nom:

Roger Zakheim

Contact :

Catégorie : Législatif

Dates de naissance / décès :

Lieu de naissance :

Silver Spring, Md.

Genre : Male. Fils de Dov Zakheim.

Lieu de résidence (si DC avant l'accession à un poste retenu, avec si possible l'année de l'emménagement à DC):

Formation :

BA/BS	BA, history, 2000, Columbia UNiversity, NYC	
MA/MS	M Phil., international relations, 2003, University of Cambridge	
PhD		
Law degree (JD...)	JD, New York University School of Law, 2005	
Autre		

Profession initiale :

Avant : intern

Carrière :

Aout 2005 – juillet 08 : Counsel, HASC (3 ans)

Aout 2008 – janvier 2009 : Deputy assistant secretary of defense, US DoD (6 mois)

Jan 2009 – decembre 2010 : Republican Counsel, HASC (2 ans)

Jan 2011 - : Deputy Staff director & General Counsel, HASC (plus d'un an)

Sources biblio/bio, articles, divers.

Roll Call : R. Zakheim est l'un des cinq staffers à connaître en 2012

Roger Zakheim

Deputy staff director and general counsel, House Armed Services Committee

As the No. 2 Republican aide on House Armed Services (after Chief of Staff Bob Simmons), Zakheim is positioned to play a profound role in the panel's oversight of President Barack Obama's new military strategy, defense spending reduction plans, the drawdown from Afghanistan and detention policy. While he doesn't have a particularly specialized policy portfolio, he said, "I am responsible for developing strategy and priorities for the committee and implementing them."

He's also the lead aide on Pentagon oversight matters and as such will help to shape Chairman [Buck McKeon's](#) (R-Calif.) examination of the president's new military strategy, including his controversial decision to move away from a planning structure that required the military to be able to fight and win two major conflicts simultaneously. (A series of hearings are now being planned.)

Zakheim also will take a lead role in Republican efforts to scrutinize the troop presence in Afghanistan, possible force reductions in Europe and the administration's handling of suspected terrorists and the detention center at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

All this puts Zakheim plainly in the middle of what he calls "the family business." His father, Dov, was a senior official in the Reagan and George W. Bush Defense Departments and is now Middle East adviser to Mitt Romney.

Zakheim, a native of Silver Spring, Md., and former Hill intern who first joined the committee as counsel in 2005, left to spend 2008 as deputy assistant secretary of Defense for coalition affairs.

He's been in his current post for a year. After graduating from Columbia University, he earned a master's in international relations at the University of Cambridge and then a law degree at New York University. He's a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

He and his wife, Tamar, have three daughters younger than 7.

— *Frank Oliveri*

Source : http://www.rollcall.com/features/30-Hill-Aides-to-Know_2012/hill_aides_to_know/defense-211881-1.html accessed 24 mai 12

Expertise: Homeland defense, terrorism.

Roger Zakheim is partial to one of House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., oft-quoted lines: "A defense budget in decline portends an America in decline."

As the committee's deputy chief of staff and general counsel, Zakheim's role is to McKeon, at least keep America on an even keel.

That means Zakheim will help search for savings but guard against cuts in the overall defense budget. It also means making sure that the nation's fighting force has the tools necessary as it winds down operations in Iraq and keeps the pressure on in Afghanistan. But Zakheim said the committee is aware of the House's overall goal to attack waste.

Given the fiscal environment, we need to be very aggressive going after efficiencies and being better stewards of the taxpayers' dollar," he said

In the last Congress, Zakheim served as the Republican counsel where he delved into an array of policy issues involving everything from the ongoing conflicts to security issues in Europe. With the change in power, Zakheim has given over most of his policy responsibilities to take a larger role in overseeing the entire committee operation.

He anticipates the budget debate will dominate the agenda, but also said the committee will continue its focus on detainee issues and Guantanamo Bay as well as some regional concerns involving the military capabilities of Iran and China.

Zakheim has published articles in the New York University's Journal of International Law and Politics, where he once served as a senior editor, and in the Forward, on such varied topics as the Israeli peace process, homeland security issue, and the United Nations. A former House intern, Zakheim joined the committee in August 2005. He served a brief stint as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for coalition affairs in 2009.

Source : Almanac of the unelected 2011

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