



STEWART BAKER

Biography

Stewart A. Baker is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. He returns to the firm following three and a half years at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as its first Assistant Secretary for Policy. His most recent book, based on his experiences at DHS, is entitled *Skating on Stilts: Why We Aren't Stopping Tomorrow's Terrorism*.

At Homeland Security, Mr. Baker created and staffed the 250-person DHS Policy Directorate. He was responsible for policy analysis across the Department, as well as for the Department's international affairs, strategic planning and relationships with law enforcement and public advisory committees. This work required a broad understanding of all aspects of the Department's activities, including maritime regulation, customs enforcement, immigration, identity management, SAFETY Act implementation, money laundering enforcement, government contracts, and regulation of travel and air transportation, and its role in the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS").

While at DHS, Mr. Baker led successful negotiations with European and Middle Eastern governments over travel data, privacy, visa waiver and related issues. He devised a new approach to visa-free travel, forged a congressional and interagency consensus on the plan and negotiated acceptance with key governments. He also managed the passage and implementation of the SAFE Ports Act, led the Department's policy effort to reform federal immigration laws, and transformed the Department's role in CFIUS, helping to drive the first rewrite of the CFIUS law and regulations in a generation.

Stewart Baker's previous governmental positions include General Counsel of the WMD Commission investigating intelligence failures prior to the Iraq War, and General Counsel of the National Security Agency (NSA), where he led interagency efforts to reform commercial encryption and computer security law and policy. Mr. Baker has testified before numerous government agencies and committees, including the 9/11 Commission. He has served on several boards and commissions, including the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration, the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on telecommunications and electronic commerce, two Defense Science Board panels on information warfare defense, and the Markle Task Force on Technology and Terrorism. He has also been advisor to international organizations such as the International Telecommunications Union, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.