



Paul Teller

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Born in New York City and raised on Long Island, Paul Teller graduated *cum laude* in 1993 from Duke University in Durham, NC, where he got his B.A. in political science. Before graduating, he was a research assistant to Suzanne Garment, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC. Also, Paul volunteered on the Bush/Quayle '92 campaign in Washington and in North Carolina. After completing his undergraduate work, he went right into American University's Ph.D. program as a Dean's Scholar in political science. Simultaneously, he worked at the College Republican National Committee (CRNC), where he was Advertising Director for its controversial national newspaper, *The Broadside*, and general assistant on national conferences and public relations. After finishing his graduate coursework, he briefly worked as a research associate at The National Center for Public Policy Research. Then, Paul became Senior Advertising Account Executive for *The Washington Times--National Weekly Edition*, specializing in advocacy and political-fundraising advertising.

Paul was awarded his Ph.D. in 1999, at the age of 28, after completing a dissertation on how the ideological distance between U.S. senators from the same state affects representation. Shortly afterwards, he became a professional staff member for the Committee on House Administration under Rep. Bill Thomas (R-CA) in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In early 2001, Paul became Legislative Director for the House Republican Study Committee (RSC), the caucus of U.S. House conservatives, where he has done legislative research, analysis, and strategy, as well as coalitions and communications work, across a broad range of issues, including taxes, energy, financial services, labor, telecom, campaign finance, foreign affairs, budget, and trade. As the RSC's Deputy Director, Paul continued with these responsibilities, while leading the RSC's outreach to the business community and conservative coalitions, as well as directing the 150-person Conservative Staff Meeting.

Now as the RSC's Executive Director (serving under his sixth RSC chairman) and the Conservative Movement's point-man on the House side, he sets and implements strategy for the RSC's policy, communications, and coalitions efforts. [The Washington Post](#) recently described Paul as "one of the most influential conservative aides in Congress." *Roll Call* newspaper twice named Paul as one of its "[Fabulous 50](#)" Hill staffers for 2012. And Paul was named "[Capitol Hill Staffer of the Year](#)" in 2012 at the Weyrich Awards Dinner, a gathering of top leaders of the Conservative Movement.

Paul also helped found, and continues to advise, the House Conservatives Fund, the PAC aimed at electing conservatives to the U.S. House of Representatives. Additionally, Paul was the Senior Policy Advisor in 2004 for Bill Spadea for Congress (New Jersey-12) and was the President of the Duke Club of Washington from 2008-2010 (and still serves on the Club's board of directors). He was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Duke University Alumni Association.

Paul regularly addresses political conferences and meetings and has made dozens of TV and radio-talk-show appearances. He and his wife, Maxine, are the very proud parents of a 9-year-old girl and a 6-year-old boy.

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