

**Warren Burke, Legislative Counsel
Office of the Legislative Counsel
U.S. House of Representatives**



Warren Burke was appointed the Legislative Counsel on November 3, 2024. He is the 9th person serving in this position since the Office of the Legislative Counsel was established in 1919.

The Office of the Legislative Counsel operates under a statutory charter enacted as title V of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (2 U.S.C. 281 et seq.). The Office's purpose is to advise and assist the House of Representatives, and its committees and Members, in the achievement of a clear, faithful, and coherent expression of legislative policies. The Office is charged with maintaining impartiality as to issues of legislative policy and is prohibited from advocating for the adoption or rejection of legislative policy. The Office is required to maintain the attorney-client privilege as to all communications between it and Members or committees.

Warren received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1992 from the University of Texas at Austin where he was a Battle of Normandy Scholar. He earned a Juris Doctor from Tulane University's school of law in 1997 where he was a member of the Tulane Law Review and Tulane Moot Court Board. Warren served as a judicial clerk in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana from 1997 to 1999.

Warren joined the Office in 1999. Over the next 25 years, he rendered nonpartisan legal analysis and drafting services at all stages of the legislative process and in many areas of law, specializing in public health law.

Warren has a long history of leadership and academic service. He has served in many leadership positions of the Federal Bar Association, including as the President of the Capitol Hill Chapter, a national board member, the national Parliamentarian, the national General Counsel, and the Chair of the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He has taught legislative drafting and procedure in numerous contexts, including for the Graduate School, USDA, the D.C. Bar Association, and the International Law Institute.

Warren has long been dedicated to sharing expertise with, and learning from, other drafting offices and institutions. He conducted a 2-week workshop in Monrovia in 2013 to strengthen the capacity of the drafting services of the Liberian House and Senate. He founded the International Conference on Legislation and Law Reform (www.ilegis.org) that same year and continues to serve among the conference's organizers. He participated in the Congressional-Bundestag/Bundesrat Staff Exchange Program in 2018 and served as a Fulbright Specialist at the National Law University Odisha in Cuttack, India, in 2023.