

Stephen Rademaker

Stephen Rademaker is Senior of Counsel at the Washington, D.C law firm of Covington & Burling. He joined the firm following a long career in public service in all three branches of government. Among his accomplishments in public service, he had lead responsibility, as a House staffer, for drafting the legislation that created the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as well as a variety of bills promoting the enlargement of NATO, peace in the Balkans, and combatting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Serving as an Assistant Secretary of State from 2002 through 2006, Mr. Rademaker headed at various times three bureaus of the State Department, including the Bureau of Arms Control and the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. He directed the Proliferation Security Initiative, as well as nonproliferation policy toward Iran and North Korea, and led strategic dialogues with Russia, China, India and Pakistan. He also headed U.S. delegations to the 2005 Review Conference of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the 2003 Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the 2002 Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention, and many other international conferences.

Mr. Rademaker concluded his career on Capitol Hill in 2007, serving as Senior Counsel and Policy Director for National Security Affairs for then-Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN). In this role, Stephen helped manage all aspects of the legislative process relating to foreign policy, defense, intelligence and national security. He earlier served as Chief Counsel for the Select Committee on Homeland Security of the U.S. House of Representatives, and for nearly ten years prior to that on the staff of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, including as Deputy Staff Director and Chief Counsel.

During President George H. W. Bush's administration, Mr. Rademaker served as General Counsel of the Peace Corps, Associate Counsel to the President in the Office of White House Counsel, and as Deputy Legal Adviser to the National Security Council. After leaving government in 2007, Mr. Rademaker continued to serve as the U.S. representative on the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, and he was subsequently appointed by House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) to the U.S. Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism.

He has a B.A., a J.D., and an M.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and is the father of four children.