

Biography of Peter Quilter

- Peter Quilter was Secretary for Administration and Finance at the Organization of American States, the senior U.S. job in the Organization, from 2014-2016. Most recently, he spent two years as a Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance. Before assuming the OAS post, he was the Democratic senior professional staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs with responsibility for the Western Hemisphere. There he advised Ranking Member Eliot Engel on all matters and legislation related to the Americas, and Committee Chairmen Howard Berman and Tom Lantos before that. He was senior policy advisor to Secretary General Cesar Gaviria at the OAS, where he distinguished himself as a top level diplomatic negotiator and conflict resolution expert in some of the most explosive political situations in the Americas. He served in a Clinton administration political appointment at the State Department. Mr. Quilter holds degrees from Stanford, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a law degree from U.C. Berkeley.