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Mr. Maurer is currently serving in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Crisis Management and Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

From November 2005, until his assignment in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs) in 2008, Mr. Maurer served as a Counsel on the Senate Armed Services Committee for the Chairman, Senator John Warner. He subsequently served as a Counsel for the Ranking Minority Member, Senator John McCain. Mr. Maurer was responsible for the Readiness and Intelligence portfolios.



In December, 2003, he began working as Military Legislative Assistant and Counsel for Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee. He supported Senator Collins’ work as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. A Marine Corps Reservist, in June 2004, he was mobilized and deployed to Iraq with the 4th Civil Affair Group. In April 2005, he resumed his job with Senator Collins, on the newly renamed Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

In early 2003, Mr. Maurer was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployed to Bahrain as part of Marine Forces, Central Command. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Maurer worked as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Jim Bunning of Kentucky, primarily dealing with the Senator’s responsibilities as a member of the Armed Services Committee.

In December of 1994, he left the active duty Marine Corps to pursue a career in the private sector. After a year working in the private sector, and some Reserve duty, he began law school at Georgetown University Law Center in the fall of 1997. Mr. Maurer worked as a paralegal in the Terrorism and Violent Crime Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice during his last two years of law school.

In 1989, following his graduation from college, Mr. Maurer was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, and served on active duty as a logistics officer for five years. During that time, he deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and also throughout the Western Pacific on a six month shipboard deployment.

Mr. Maurer received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Washington in 1989 and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 2000. He is a member of the Virginia Bar.