

### Hometown: East Lyme, CT

### **Education:**

- MA, George Washington University, 2003
- BA, Government, US Coast Guard Academy, 1998

### Work History:

- Vice President of US Government Relations, Intel Corporation, 2020-Present
- Executive Director of Government Relations, Raytheon Technologies, 2014-2020
- Principal, Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas Inc., 2008-2014
- Vice President of Global Supply Chain Policy, Retail Industry Leaders Association, 2006-2008
- Senior Professional Staff Member, US House of Representatives, 2003-2006
- US Coast Guard, 1998-2003

# **Quick Summary**

Coast Guard veteran with over a decade of experience in the government affairs space and recognized policy expertise on issues affecting the retail, aerospace, and tech industries

- Attended the US Coast Guard Academy and spent five years in the Coast Guard, including as an intelligence officer
- Served as one of the original Democratic staffers on the Select Committee on Homeland Security, the predecessor of the nowpermanent Committee, working closely with Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS02) and former Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA46); helped author and pass legislation related to maritime, supply chain, and surface transportation security programs, including the 2006 SAFE Ports Act to

authorize international supply chain security programs in response to 9/11

- After three years on the Hill, Thompson moved to the private sector as head of global supply chain advocacy at the Retail Industry Leaders Association, a trade association for the retail industry, representing companies like Target, Home Depot, and Costco
- Worked at lobbying firm Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas Inc. developing and executing advocacy strategies for Fortune 500 companies before joining Raytheon Technologies as executive director of government relations; at Raytheon, Thompson successfully led advocacy efforts, secured federal funding and contracts, and acquired tax savings through economic development state agency partnerships
- Currently Vice President of US Government Relations at technology company Intel, where he oversees lobbying efforts for the federal and state governments

## **Approach and Motivations**

Demonstrated experience navigating Capitol Hill and personal commitment to adapting to the evolving security and technological landscape

- Brings extensive government experience, in the Coast Guard and as a congressional staffer, on homeland security issues from working both on the ground and on the policy side; this experience sparked an interest and expertise in areas such as global trade, supply chain security, and issues related to artificial intelligence, 5G, and autonomous vehicle technologies, which he continues to prioritize
- Takes a pragmatic, forward-looking view of issues and considers himself a "strategic thinker and political junkie rolled into one."





## **Professional Affiliations**

- Board, The Faith and Politics Institute, 2018-Present
- Board, Bryce Harlow Foundation, 2012-2018

