



Commission on the National Defense Strategy for the United States



Mr. Roger I. Zakheim was appointed to the Commission by House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry (R-TX).

Mr. Zakheim currently serves as counsel to the law firm Covington & Burling LLP and practices in the firm's Public Policy and Government Affairs practice group, where he serves as co-chair, as well as the CFIUS and Government Contracts practice groups. Mr. Zakheim provides advisory and advocacy support to clients facing policy and regulatory challenges in the aerospace, defense and national security sector.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Zakheim was General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee. In this role, Mr. Zakheim managed the passage of the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA is the annual defense policy bill which authorizes the Defense Department's \$600 billion budget.

Mr. Zakheim's previous experience includes serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, where he managed the department's policies and programs related to the Iraq and Afghanistan coalition affairs.

Mr. Zakheim frequently speaks and writes on national security and defense issues. His views have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Politico, National Public Radio, Fox News, CNN, BBC, The Weekly Standard, National Review, among other media outlets.

Defense News called Mr. Zakheim one of the "100 Most Influential People in U.S. Defense," noting that he is widely "regarded as one of the top GOP young guns." Foreign Policy magazine recently named him one of the "Top 50 Republicans in GOP Foreign Policy."