

JOHN O'NEILL



- Senior staff and counsel to the Leadership and committees of the U.S. Senate
- Deep expertise in corporate tax and pension policy, banking and financial services, and intellectual property
- Recognized coalition-building experience in health care and consumer advocacy
- Former partner and practicing attorney at Venable L

John O'Neill has nearly three decades of experience in federal government affairs and law practice. Prior to co-founding Harbinger Strategies, John served as Partner at various lobbying practices, including Capitol Counsel and Ogilvy Government Relations.

On Capitol Hill, John served on both the Senate Republican Leadership staff under former Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) and the staff of the Senate Finance Committee under Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA).

During his tenure with Senate Republican leadership, he was Policy Director and Counsel in the Office of the Senate Republican Whip Trent Lott. In the Whip Office, John assisted in the development and coordination of the Senate Leadership floor strategy with respect to all legislation considered by the United States Senate. John supported Senator Lott's efforts as Senate Republican Whip by providing advice and counsel on policy matters and legislation before the Senate. He also worked closely with Senate Committee and Member offices in developing legislative and policy initiatives, as well as with senior White House officials and House Leadership offices.

Prior to his service in the Republican Whip Office, John served as Tax Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance under Chairman Charles Grassley. During his time at the Finance Committee, John played a central role in the enactment of several major pieces of tax legislation affecting corporate tax law, pension reform, international tax reform, energy tax policy, and the taxation of health care and other employee benefits.

Earlier in his career, John was in private law practice, including as a partner in the firm of Venable LLP. John is a frequent speaker and lecturer on public policy issues, and he has authored a number of articles in professional and scholarly publications.

John received a B.A. from Skidmore College in 1994 and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1999.

