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Chris Cox is a partner at Bingham and a member of the Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Securities Group, advising global companies on strategic issues, corporate governance, securities regulation and general business matters worldwide. He is also a principal of Bingham Consulting Group, focused on strategic issues involving federal and state governments, homeland security, and multistate litigation.

In private practice prior to joining Bingham, Chris was a partner in the international law firm of Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles and Orange County, and a member of the firm's national management. In 1986 he left Latham to work as a White House counsel to President Ronald Reagan.

During a 23-year Washington career, Chris was chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, the fifth-ranking elected leader in the House and a 17-year member of Congress from California.

As a member of the House, in addition to his role as chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, Chris was chairman of the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Financial Services Committee. For 10 years he served as chairman of the House Policy Committee. In each of these capacities he was responsible for significant legislation, including the Internet Tax Freedom Act, the Securities Litigation Reform Act and the Support for Eastern European Democracy Act.

He earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He earned his Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School, where he later taught corporate and individual income tax. He received his Bachelor of Arts in an accelerated three-year program at the University of Southern California.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- A Crystal Ball View: The Future of Financial Regulation and U.S. Fiscal Policy — The Impact on Asia, Tokyo, Japan (2010)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Honorary Doctorate in Public Service, Northeastern University (2008)
- Asa V. Call Alumni Achievement Award, University of Southern California (2008)
- Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas (Republic of Lithuania's highest honor to a living noncitizen)
- California Institute of Technology Award for Leadership in advancing life sciences, biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device innovation
- Alexis de Tocqueville Statemanship Award
- U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Statesmanship Award
- Boy Scouts of America's Baden Powell Service to Scouting Award
- Orange County Bar Association Legislator of the Year Award
- Orange County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award
- PC Computing Magazine's Person of the Year
- Salvation Army 'Others' Award
- Childhelp USA Award for leadership in prevention of child abuse
- Editor, Harvard Law Review

ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia

EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, Juris Doctor, 1977
- Harvard Business School, Master of Business Administration, 1977
- University of Southern California, Bachelor of Arts, 1973