

Michael Gottlieb- Former Associate White House Counsel

Michael J. Gottlieb recently concluded four years of service with the Obama Administration. From 2009-2010 he served as Special Assistant to the President and Associate White House Counsel, where he focused on national security law and judicial nominations. In January 2010, he left the White House to serve as Senior Civilian and Deputy Director of Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 in Kabul Afghanistan. In that role, he was second in command of a three-star interagency organization with responsibility for U.S. government rule of law development, biometrics collection efforts, and detention operations in Afghanistan. Following his time in Afghanistan, Mr. Gottlieb returned to the White House Counsel's Office, where he served until the end of February 2013.

Prior to his time in the Obama Administration, Mr. Gottlieb served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, and practiced law for two years at the WilmerHale law firm in Washington, DC. He clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for Justice Stevens on the Supreme Court. Mr. Gottlieb is a 1999 graduate of Northwestern University and a 2003 graduate of Harvard Law School.