

George “David” Banks



George “David” Banks is Executive Vice President of the American Council for Capital Formation. Banks has been an influential voice on energy and environment policymaking in several capacities.

He was managing director of Battle Group, LLC, a free market strategic consultancy bridging and integrating state and federal advocacy efforts. He was also senior fellow and deputy director of the nuclear energy program at the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS). In 2011-2012, he was Republican deputy staff director of the U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW) Committee, where he helped manage and coordinate environmental policy, tactics, and strategy for the GOP. Prior to the Senate, Banks was a partner at Boyden Gray & Associates and a registered lobbyist.

During the Bush 43 Administration, Banks was the senior adviser on international affairs and climate change at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). At the Council, he was one of the chief architects of the Major Economies Meeting on Energy Security and Climate Change, and in September 2008, Banks was nominated by President George W. Bush to be assistant administrator of international activities at the EPA. His CEQ work on promoting the reduction of non-CO2 greenhouse gases was later recognized by the Obama Administration, earning him an EPA Climate Protection Award for Diplomacy.

From 2004 to 2006, he served as the State Department’s point person on climate change and energy diplomacy at the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium, where he received a Superior Honor Award for promoting U.S. diplomatic objectives. He was also a decorated CIA economic analyst and served as legislative fellow to Congressman Howard Berman (D-CA).

Banks holds a JD from George Mason University and a MA in economics and baccalaureate degrees in history, economics, and political science from the University of Missouri at St. Louis. He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and Missouri.

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