

Avril Haines

Former Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama

Avril D. Haines most recently served as the Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama. Just prior to that appointment, she was the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and before that she served as the Legal Adviser to the National Security Council and as Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs at the White House.

Before joining the White House Counsel's office, Avril Haines was Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs at the Department of State and previously worked in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State from 2003 to 2006, first in the Office of Treaty Affairs and then in the Office of Political-Military Affairs. From 2007 to 2008, she worked for the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations as Deputy Chief Counsel for the Majority. From 2002 until 2003 she served as a law clerk for Judge Danny Boggs on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. From 2001 to 2002, she was a Legal Officer at The Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Avril Haines received a bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Chicago, founded and ran a bookstore café for five years while engaged in community service in Baltimore, and then went to law school at Georgetown University Law Center, where she received her law degree.