

David Urban

Prominent Republican Strategist & Advisor and CNN Political Commentator

David Urban joined the Trump campaign in its early days working as an advisor in the Pennsylvania and Indiana primaries. After helping secure primary victories in those states, Urban moved to the Republican Convention in Cleveland where he served as the campaign's senior political liaison at the convention. After the convention, Urban was named as a senior advisor on the campaign, leading the Trump campaign to a historic victory in Pennsylvania. As the new Administration was being sworn in, POLITICO named Urban as one of the 30 most powerful people in President Trump's Washington. Urban currently serves as the President of the American Continental Group (ACG), a consulting firm, as well as a political commentator on CNN.

Urban has been referred to by *The New York Times* and POLITICO as a "Prominent Republican/GOP lobbyist," a "Mover and Shaker" by *Campaigns and Elections Magazine*, a "Top Influencer" by *Politics Magazine*, a "high-level Washington... lobbyist" by the *Harrisburg Patriot News*, and a "big name lobbyist" by CNN. *Roll Call* identified "Urban [as] a member of Washington's community of influential Republican moderates and pragmatists," and *The Hill* has named Urban as a "Top Lobbyist" who has "mastered the art of working Capitol Hill's hallways." In a profile of Urban, *Philadelphia Magazine* said that "when [Urban] talks, Members of Congress listen."

Immediately before joining ACG, Urban served for five years as the Chief of Staff for United States Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA). Acting as the Senator's senior advisor on legislative, political, media, and administrative matters in Pennsylvania and Washington, Urban was Senator Specter's direct representative to the Senator's Pennsylvania constituents as well as other Members of Congress, senior executive branch officials, ambassadors, and other officials of foreign governments. Urban represented Senator Specter as a part of the Senate Republican leadership and oversaw the Senator's interests before the Judiciary, Appropriations, Veterans' Affairs, and Environment and Public Works Committees.

From 1994 through 1997, Urban was an attorney in private practice. Urban's diverse experiences in the law range from litigation involving director and officer corporate liability matters to structuring complex public bond financings for large health care systems. As an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar, Urban is admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

From 1986 through 1991, he served as an artillery officer in the United States Army's storied 101st Airborne Division. Illustrative of his distinguished record of consistently high performance during his time in uniform, Urban was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement while engaged in combat operations against Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

David Urban earned a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Juris Doctor from the Temple University School of Law. Urban has lectured at various universities, serving as an adjunct professor at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University.

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