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Chuck Brain is a principal at PSW, where he advises clients on a wide range of issues. Brain is widely recognized as one of the most experienced legislative affairs consultants in Washington, with an extensive range of experience both in and out of government. Prior to joining PSW in 2019, he served as founder and President of Capitol Hill Strategies.

Beginning his career as a Legislative Assistant to a freshman Member of Congress, he has served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the House Ways and Means Committee, and eventually served President Clinton as Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs.

As the President's chief of congressional relations, Brain participated in the development of the Administration's legislative agenda and was responsible for devising and implementing the strategy for securing its passage. He is widely recognized on Capitol Hill for his excellent relationships in both the House and the Senate and with both Democratic and Republican Members of Congress.

Among the historic pieces of legislation Brain worked to enact are the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA, 1993), the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Social Security Act Amendments of 1983, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Acts of 1990 and 1993, China Permanent Normal Trade Relations (2000), the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (2003), and the Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare).

With his Ph. D. from the University of Pittsburgh, Brain also received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Boston College. He is the author of *Social Security at the Crossroads* (Garland Press), an analysis of the role of public opinion in the legislative process. He is also on the Board of the "1100 Alumni Foundation," a non-profit, non-partisan organization of former staff members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

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