

AUFHAUSER JOINS CSIS Former Treasury Official to Focus on Terrorism Financing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 2004 — **David Aufhauser**, former Treasury Dept. general counsel, has been named a CSIS senior adviser.

The former chairman of the National Security Council task force on terrorist financing, Aufhauser will help CSIS explore practical political prescriptions to a variety of issues related to terrorist financing, including more focused and effective sanctions and improvements in the macroeconomic incentives countries can employ to encourage use of transparent banking systems rather than informal systems. He may also write case studies outlining how well or poorly countries are tamping down terrorist financing.

Aufhauser is currently counsel at the firm of Williams and Connolly LLP, in Washington, which he rejoined in 2004 after working in the Bush administration since June 2001. Prior to his government service, Aufhauser practiced law at Williams and Connolly from 1977 to 2001. He has represented clients in a wide range of criminal and civil litigation and federal regulatory enforcement matters, including tax, securities, trade and finance. In the administration, he was counsel to the president's working group on financial markets, served on the Department of Justice Corporate Fraud Task Force and as a board member and general counsel of the Federal Financing Bank of Pennsylvania.

He is the recipient of the Department of Treasury's highest award—the Alexander Hamilton medal—as well as numerous awards for distinction and merit in diplomacy and intelligence from the CIA, the State Department and the FBI.

Aufhauser has been a member of the Pennsylvania Bar since October 1977 and the District of Columbia Bar since September 1978. He has also served on the Civil Justice Reform Task Force steering committee, as general counsel for the Republican National Convention Credentials Committee, and as a member of the Legal Advisory Group to the Republican House Leadership Conference.

“At a time when so much policy attention has been focused on how to design and tighten policies that prevent the financing of terrorism around the world, we are pleased to have on board a rigorous thinker like David Aufhauser, who has led the interagency process on these issues since 9/11,” said **John Hamre**, CSIS president and CEO. “David has been a tough-minded realist in bringing together many individuals and institutions to seek practical solutions to the complex issue of terrorism financing.”

Aufhauser is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wesleyan University. He earned an M.B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

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