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In October 2025, after **more than three decades of conservative activism and leadership**, in and out of government, Paul Teller hung out his own shingle and created **Teller Strategies**, a political consulting firm to help clients connect and collaborate with all elements of the conservative world. Frequently accused of “knowing everybody” and having a persistent “happy warrior” reputation, Paul blends his inner-circle experience with widespread yet deep relationships across the political world to consistently advance principled policy objectives.

Prior to creating Teller Strategies, Paul was the founding Executive Director for Vice President Mike Pence’s issue advocacy organization, **Advancing American Freedom** (AAF), where Paul later became Executive Vice President and remains as Senior Advisor.

Prior to AAF, Paul served all four years in the **Trump-Pence White House**:

- First as a Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, where he operated as the White House liaison to U.S. House and Senate conservatives, and to all of the groups and activist-leaders of the Conservative Movement who were helping advance the President’s legislative agenda; and
- Subsequently as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Vice President, where he served as the Vice President’s liaison to the Conservative Movement at large.

Paul earned these White House privileges after more than 16 years as a Capitol Hill staffer, including:

- Deputy Chief of Staff (under then-Chief Chip Roy) and then Chief of Staff for **Senator Ted Cruz of Texas** (when the senator made a second-place run for President of the United States);
- Legislative Director, Deputy Director, and then Executive Director for the **U.S. House Republican Study Committee** (RSC)—then the only generalist conservative caucus—under seven chairmen; and
- Professional Staff Member at the **Committee on House Administration** under two chairmen.

Paul also **advanced conservatism off the Hill** in many capacities, including at:

- Ted Cruz for President 2016;
- The House Conservatives Fund;
- *The Washington Times--National Weekly Edition*;
- The National Center for Public Policy Research;
- The College Republican National Committee;
- Bush/Quayle '92;
- The American Enterprise Institute; and
- A brief stint helping build two nonprofit organizations inspired by Senator Cruz’s nationwide grassroots network.

In light of all of this activity, the liberal *Washington Post* in July 2020 described Paul as a “**veteran conservative organizer.**”

Paul also holds **various volunteer positions**, including:

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society;
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Society;
- Board Member of the Discovery Institute, Seattle, Washington;
- Advisory Committee Member, Prosper Aligned;
- Board Member of the Duke in DC alumni club and former Board Member of the national Duke University Alumni Association; and
- Co-Founder and Board Member of the Duke Politics and Policy Network.

A native Long Islander, Paul earned his **political science Ph.D. at American University** in Washington, DC (1999), and did his **political science undergrad work at Duke University** in Durham, NC (1993). Paul regularly authors and co-authors policy op-eds, makes national and local media appearances, addresses political conferences and coalition meetings of varying sizes, organizes political get-togethers (such as the Member of the Tribe quarterly happy hours for Jewish Republicans), and mentors young politicians as they network their way into ever-improving political opportunities.