



## Lessons Learned Oral History Project

### Richard “Jake” Siewert

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The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) reached out to Jake Siewert via email to request an interview regarding his time as Counselor to U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner during and after the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) from 2009 to 2011. As part of his duties, Siewert was Geithner’s liaison with the business community during the process of reacting to the GFC.

Siewert had held several positions during Bill Clinton’s presidency, including White House Press Secretary and as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs, working at the National Economic Council. In 2001, he joined Alcoa as head of Global Communications and Public Strategy and held several posts including Vice President for Business Development, before leaving in 2009 to join the Treasury Department. After leaving Treasury in 2011, Siewert returned to the private sector, joining Goldman Sachs in 2012 as a Managing Director.

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