



Lessons Learned Oral History Project

Matthew Kabaker

The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) contacted Matthew Kabaker by email to request an interview regarding Kabaker's time as Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the U.S. Treasury during the Global Financial Crisis.

At the Treasury Department, Mr. Kabaker was senior advisor to former U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Capital Markets. While at the Treasury, he established the Office of Capital Markets. He also helped design the Treasury's policy response to the financial crisis, design and implement the Dodd-Frank financial reforms, and address housing finance reform, including the reforms at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Kabaker also served on the Treasury's Financial Stability Policy Council and Housing Policy Council.

Prior to his role at the Treasury, Mr. Kabaker was a managing director at The Blackstone Group L.P., where he focused on investments in the financial services and retail sectors.

He is currently the senior managing partner at the New York-based private equity firm Centerbridge Partners, where he co-heads the company's global private equity investing activities. He focuses on investments in the financial services sector, institutions and assets, in the United States and Europe.

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