The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) reached out to Neil Barofsky to request an interview regarding his time as Special Inspector General of the Troubled Asset Relief Program and, more specifically, his observations and concerns over the handling of the Global Financial Crisis stimulus rollout.

Barofsky, a former prosecutor, was appointed in November 2008 as the first inspector general of the $700 billion TARP. He established and supervised the audit division that monitored the financial assistance provided to companies and individuals as part of the program, provided advice and oversight to the U.S. Department of Treasury and reported to Congress on that work. In testimony to Congress in July 2020, he noted SIGTARP’s investigative division had secured 384 convictions and recovered more than $11 billion to date in cases related to attempts to defraud the program. After leaving his post as SIG-TARP in 2011, Barofsky became a Senior Fellow at New York University School of Law’s Center on the Administration of Criminal Law.

In 2013, he became a partner at Jenner & Block LLP, where he is head of the Monitorship Practice, and more recently, of the firm’s COVID-19 Response Team.