

MATTHEW MARK HORN

Matthew Mark Horn serves as the acting co-Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress and concurrently serves as the organization's National Policy Director, a position he has held since joining AJCongress in October 2005. In addition to co-leading the renowned organization and bearing responsibility for its day to day operations, he is also the decision-maker on international and domestic policy matters. He oversees the staffing of lay committees; manages the development and implementation of the policy agendas; directs the annual legislative advocacy process and, along with his co-executive director prepares the organization's annual budget. Matthew bears additional responsibility for developing and implementing Congressional and Executive branch policy and legislative advocacy strategy and publishes a variety of substantive policy papers, updates and analysis. Matt works closely with Congressional leadership, Members of Congress and their staffs to ensure that AJ Congress' legislative and policy initiatives are implemented in the United States Congress. Additionally, he developed and implemented two of the organizations most successful projects on human shields and the law of war, and upgrading Israel's relationship within NATO. Matthew travels extensively on behalf of the organization promoting its policies and programs in the U.S. and abroad.



Prior to joining the AJ Congress, Matthew, as a Bush administration appointee, served as Special Assistant for International Security Affairs (ISA) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Matthew served as the principal point of contact between the Department of Defense (DoD) and Members of Congress and Congressional Staff for all matters pertaining to ISA. The ISA portfolio encompasses East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East and Persian Gulf, Africa and Latin America, as well as the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). In addition to his ISA portfolio, he concurrently served as the Special Assistant for International Security Policy (ISP), where he focused primarily on NATO, Europe and transatlantic defense issues. Matthew provided strategic advice, analysis and counsel to DoD principals and staff on a wide-range of legislative and policy initiatives; prepared DoD principals for Congressional hearings, briefings and meetings; provided DoD principals and staff with insights and background on Members of Congress and key Congressional Staff; articulated DoD's policies and positions to Members of Congress and key staff to aid in their formulation of legislation and Congressional initiatives; participated in the process of formulating DoD's international security strategy and policy; and, reviewed and coordinated on all correspondence from DoD principals to Members of Congress. In October 2005, Matthew was awarded the *Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service* in recognition for his service to his country.

Prior to joining DoD as a Bush Administration appointee, Matthew served at the Director of Federal Affairs at the MWW Group, a government relations concern in Washington D.C. At MWW, he managed the firm's international practice and designed and implemented his clients' legislative and policy initiatives for Capitol Hill. He provided advice and counsel to senior executives and board members representing a diverse clientele that ranged from Fortune 500 companies to non-profit entities (2002-2004).

Matthew served as the Counsel and Legislative Assistant to the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY-20), then- Chairman *emeritus* of the House International Relations Committee (HIRC) and Chairman of HIRC's Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee. During his tenure on Capitol Hill, Matthew advised Congressman Gilman on a variety of legislative, legal, foreign policy, national security and defense initiatives. In addition, he drafted legislation, briefing papers, memoranda on a wide range of issues, floor statements and extension of remarks, congressional testimony, official correspondence to executive departments and agencies, planned hearings and briefings, and represented Chairman Gilman at meetings, briefings, hearings and delegations.

A snapshot of his legislative and policy portfolio included: the Balkans, the Middle East, India, Pakistan, Cuba, Latin America, NATO, Trade Promotion Authority and Bi-lateral investment treaties, national security aspects of energy policy, Export Control issues, counter-terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, war crimes, humanitarian and international law, and international security policy and strategy issues. Legislation included: Andean Trade Preferences Drug Eradication Act of 2001 (ATPA), Freedom to Trade Act (H.R. 3151), Iran-Libya Extension of Sanctions Act (until 2006, H.R. 1954); Export Administration Act of 1979 Reauthorization, Export Administration Act of 2001 (H.R. 2581), Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001 (H.R. 4, (3 Amendments)). Drafted: H.R. 1161, which authorized the Government of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial in honor of Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, First President of Czechoslovakia, and H.R. 3968, the Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2002. (2000-2002).

Matthew worked as a consultant at MMH Strategic Relations where he provided advice, drafted policy recommendations, performed research and analysis on legislative, legal, trade and political issues for a variety of international and domestic clients. He served as an advisor on delegations to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK- North Korea), and to the Albanian-American Civic League and the Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM).

Matthew co-founded the Institute for Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies (IEEE) (along with the Publisher of *Success* Magazine) where he served as the executive, legal, and legislative director. At the IEEI, he developed and implemented entrepreneurship, legal assistance and educational programs in emerging and newly emerging nations; assisted host nations with promulgating legislation and regulations; and designed and managed the international programs. He received the first long-term license issued by Office of Foreign Assets Control at the Department of the Treasury (in coordination with the Department of State) to work on projects in Cuba (1994-1998).

Matthew served as the legal and political advisor for the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) election Missions in Albania, Serbia and Kosovo. He was responsible for the day to day legal affairs of the Missions; advised senior OSCE officials on political, legal and administrative issues; worked with the host nation electoral commissions to develop the electoral framework; oversaw 500 international observers; briefed diplomats, foreign press and observers and staff on the OSCE's mandate, international and local electoral law, relevant treaties and international instruments in force; negotiated the cease-fire in Albania and served as the mediator between the various political parties and factions; and participated in planning and strategy meetings with senior officials of the multi-national military force (Alba Force) and NATO. He also drafted and negotiated agreements and other legally binding instruments, at the highest levels, between the OSCE, OSCE member states, and the Governments of Albania and Serbia (1997).

Matthew proudly served in the United States Marine Corps with honor and distinction (1983-1986). He was educated at Pace University School of Law (J.D. with Certificates in International Law and International Trade Law), and Fairleigh-Dickinson University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, International Relations and Political Science), and attended the United States Naval Academy (class of 1989) as a Secretary of the Navy, enlisted Marine appointee.