

Mark J. Warshawsky



Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy Social Security Administration

Mark J. Warshawsky was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy July 17, 2017. His professional and research interests include social security, employer-sponsored pension and retirement programs, financial planning, health and long-term care financing, public finance, and macroeconomics. He has testified before Congress and administrative agencies many times, and was most recently a Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center of George Mason University, as well as a visiting scholar at the MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy.

He was a member of the Social Security Advisory Board from 2006 through 2012 and was Vice Chairman of the Federal Commission on Long-Term Care in 2013. From 2004 to 2006, Mark served as Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, playing a key role in the development of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Mark is the author of over 150 published articles and four books, including being co-author of the Fundamentals of Private Pensions, Ninth Edition (Oxford University Press, 2010) and author of Retirement Income: Risks and Strategies (MIT Press, 2012). From 2006 to 2013, he was Director of Retirement Research at Towers Watson, a global human capital consulting firm.

He is the inventor of the life care annuity, a product integrating the immediate life annuity and long-term care insurance benefits; and the co-developer of planning software and an application for ReLIAS LLC, a design firm for personalized retirement income strategies, which he founded. Mark has held senior-level positions at the Federal Reserve Board, the Internal Revenue Service, and TIAA-CREF. He received a B.A. with highest distinction from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University.

Jude Soundararajan



Executive Director, Health Information Technology Social Security Administration

Jude Soundararajan is the Executive Director, Health Information Technology, for the Social Security Administration. Previously, he served as an Associate Deputy General Counsel and ethics counselor for the Army Office of the General Counsel where he focused on financial compliance and ethics.

Jude has also served as a policy advisor for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

In addition to his civilian position, Jude serves as a Major in the Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. In his military capacity, he regularly travels to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to teach ethics and advise on conflict mineral issues.

Before entering public service, Jude was a Senior Compliance Officer at JPMorgan Chase, concentrating on banking compliance, internet and technology issues. Jude also advises early stage technology companies, including 8tracks, a leading streaming audio mobile application.

He has also worked as a database administrator for ABN-AMRO and Grant Thornton with a concentration on Sybase, Oracle, and Microsoft SQL Server. Jude's experience in traditional databases led to his interest in blockchain, artificial intelligence, and big data.

Jude is a Fellow in the Truman National Security Project, a Board Member of the Filipino Veterans and Recognition and Education Project, and The Unforgotten Fund, which assists war veterans in developing countries. He received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Illinois, and a J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Bob Patterson



Acting Associate Commissioner, Office of External Affairs Social Security Administration

Bob is the Acting Associate Commissioner for External Affairs at the Social Security Administration. His previous government experience includes serving as a senior advisor and speechwriter to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the senior speechwriter at the U.S. Small Business Administration. More recently, Mr. Patterson was vice president for government relations at the U.S. Business & Industry Council where he educated members of Congress and their staff about the trade deficit and domestic manufacturing. His background includes a wide range of experience as a policy expert, professor, and op-ed contributor.