STEVE RAUSCHENBERGER | Bio

STEVE RAUSCHENBERGER is President of Rauschenberger Partners LLC, an Illinois-based government affairs firm that assists clients in understanding and navigating the complex legislative and regulatory processes of state and local governments. From May 2014 until June of 2021, he was also President of The Technology & Manufacturing Association (TMA), an association of small and medium supply chain manufacturers.

Prior to founding the firm, Rauschenberger served for fifteen years in the Illinois State Senate, where he was chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee (1994-2002); and assistant Republican leader (2002-2006). In 2004 Steve ran statewide in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate, finishing third in a field of eight candidates, and winning the endorsement of all but one of the major newspapers in the state. In 2006 he ran unsuccessfully for Governor.

Steve is a past president of the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), where he also served as co-chair of the Taskforce on Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce. As an officer and member of the executive committee, he represented the organization throughout the United States and internationally; concluding two cooperative agreements between NCSL and regional parliaments in Europe, and leading a senior delegation to India. He also served 10 years on the NCSL Foundation Board.

Steve served as faculty instructor to the Algerian Parliament for the U.S. State Department Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). And assisted in a survey of the Niger and Senegal parliaments as part of a MEPI initiative.

As a State Senator, Rauschenberger accompanied the Illinois Air National Guard in a joint deployment with the Polish Air Force as part of the U.S. Department of Defense's Partners in Peace program. He also represented the State of Illinois in two missions to China in participation with the U.N. and World Bank.

Prior to his tenure in government, Rauschenberger was a partner in his family's third-generation furniture retail business before serving as president of a chain of furniture stores. A graduate of the College of William & Mary with a BBA (78), Steve has served on a number of professional and legislative boards.

Steve lives in Elgin with his wife Betty. They have two sons, Michael (Elgin), and Henry (Baton Rouge). They are also the proud grandparents of three girls and one boy.