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From 2001-03, Dam served as deputy secretary in the Department of Treasury. As deputy secretary, Dam played a key role in formulating and executing the Treasury Department's policies and programs. He was particularly involved in the Bush administration's efforts to cut off financial support for terrorists, and in the administration's international initiatives on financial services and taxation.

Dam has written numerous articles and books including *The Law-Growth Nexus: The Rule of Law and Economic Development* (2006), *The Rules of the Global Game: a New Look at U.S. International Policymaking* (2001), *Economic Policy Beyond the Headlines* (co-authored with George P. Shultz, 2nd edition, 1998), *Oil Resources* (1976), and *The GATT: Law and International Economic Organization* (1970).

Dam is well known as an arbitrator in complex litigation, particularly for his role as system arbitrator from 1996 to 2001 in the collective bargaining agreement between the National Basketball Association and the National Basketball Players Association. In 1992, he served on an interim basis as president and CEO of the United Way of America.

Dam was Vice President for Law and External Relations for IBM from 1985 to 1992. He was Deputy Secretary of State from 1982 to 1985. Prior to that, he was Provost of the University of Chicago for two years, where he had been a law professor since 1960. Dam served as Executive Director of the cabinet-level Council on Economic Policy in 1973 and as Assistant Director for National Security and International Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget from 1971 to 1972.

Dam was an associate of Cravath, Swaine and Moore from 1958 to 1960 and a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whittaker from 1957 to 1958. He has an undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas, a law degree from the University of Chicago, and an honorary LL.D. from the New School of Social Research.

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