

## Margaret L. Taylor

**Education:** **Columbia Law School**, New York, NY  
J.D. May 2002. *Columbia Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief. Kent Scholar.

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
A.B. May 1997. English & American Literature, *magna cum laude*.

### **Experience:**

**Senate Foreign Relations Committee**, Washington DC, February 2013-August 2018.

***Democratic Chief Counsel & Deputy Staff Director***, February 2015-August 2018.

- Authored, negotiated, and successfully shepherded numerous national security-related bills that became law, including on U.S. policy toward Iran and Russia.
- Managed, for the Democratic side, monthly business meetings; development of legislation for the Ranking Member; oversight efforts; the vetting process for foreign policy-related Presidential nominees subject to Advice & Consent of the Senate; and consideration of treaties.
- Responsible for reviewing and advising SFRC members, chiefly the Ranking Member, on all foreign relations and national security-related legislation in SFRC and other committees, including the annual National Defense Authorization Act and Intelligence Authorization Act.

***Acting Democratic Staff Director***, May 2016-September 2016.

***Deputy Chief Counsel***, February 2013-February 2015.

**U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser**, Washington DC

***Attorney-Adviser***, November 2003-January 2013.

- ***Economic Sanctions***. February 2011-January 2013. Advised Department officials on international and domestic legal issues attendant to 14 different economic sanctions programs worldwide. Lead attorney on Iran sanctions.
- ***Legislation & Foreign Assistance***. 2006-2009, 2010-2011. Advised Department officials on international and domestic legal issues relating to the provision of foreign assistance, including the Department's anticrime, counternarcotics, and peacekeeping operations worldwide, and assistance programs in Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia.
- ***Law Enforcement & Intelligence***. November 2003-March 2006. Researched and advised Department officials on international and domestic legal issues relating to extradition in the Western Hemisphere, the UK, and The Netherlands; U.S. government efforts to combat trafficking in persons; and other international law enforcement matters.

**Center for Strategic & International Studies**, Washington DC

***Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow***. Aug 2009-Aug 2010.

Completed project entitled "New Realities in the Provision of U.S. Foreign Assistance: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century." Authored 2 policy articles, briefed Congressional staff, gave background press interviews, and moderated panel discussions.

**Hughes, Hubbard & Reed**, Washington DC

***Law Clerk***, August 2003-October 2003. Prepared memoranda, pleadings, and briefs in a variety of matters including securities litigation and ethics issues.

**United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit**, New York, NY  
*Law Clerk to Judge Amalya Kearse*, August 2002-August 2003.

**U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser**, Washington DC  
*Summer Associate*, July 2001-August 2001. Researched international law enforcement issues, including legal issues related to the United States Government's aerial drug interdiction program.

**Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati**, Palo Alto, CA  
*Summer Associate*, May 2001-July 2001. Researched issues related to antitrust litigation, securities litigation, and initial public offerings.

**Professor David Weissbrodt**, Minneapolis, MN  
*Research Assistant*, May 2000-August 2000. Researched and drafted two chapters of textbook on International Human Rights Law.

**U.S. Attorney's Office**, New York, NY  
*Paralegal*, September 1998-June 1998. Supported attorneys prosecuting securities fraud cases.

**U.S. Department of Justice**, Washington DC  
*Paralegal*, July 1997-June 1998. Supported attorneys investigating and litigating antitrust matters.

**Memberships:**

**Council on Foreign Relations**  
*Term Member* June 2011-June 2016

**New York State Bar Association**  
*Member* since 2004

**Publications:**

*Capacity for Change: Reforming U.S. Assistance Efforts in Poor and Fragile Countries*  
Center for Strategic & International Studies, April 2010

*Civilian-Military Cooperation in Achieving Aid Effectiveness*  
Brookings Institution, September 2010