

Scott David Bates

Scott Bates has extensive experience at every level of American government and is equally at ease in international affairs. At the age of 26, Bates became the Secretary of State of Virginia, the youngest to achieve such a post in American history. He presided over Cabinet meetings, appointed a record number of women and minorities to state boards, championed ethics reform and led the Virginia Urban Revitalization Commission as its Chairman.

Scott Bates has worked as a trusted staff member on Capitol Hill for Congressmen from across the United States. Bates has worked for Congressmen Sidney Yates of Chicago, Maurice Hinchey of New York as their Director of Communications and Counsel for Congressman Jim Turner of Texas. Currently he serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. House Select Committee on Homeland Security and Chief of Staff for Congressman Nick Lampson of Texas.

In the international realm, Scott Bates has achieved results in some of the most challenging situations in the world. Bates led US efforts to build democratic political parties and institutions in post-war Kosovo as Director of the National Democratic Institute in Pristina. He worked with all parties and leaders to ensure the first peaceful, democratic elections in Kosovo's history.

Bates also led the conference that brought together Kosovar Serb and Albanian MP's for the first time since before Milosevic. He worked with them to open Kosovo's first democratic multiethnic Parliament. In June of 2002, Bates went to Afghanistan and worked with delegates to the Loya Jirga, to support their efforts to create a Transitional government.

Bates has served as an Advisor to the Convention that drafted a new Constitution for Malawi in 1995. He has led seminars for elected officials in Slovakia and Macedonia. He was also served as an Advisor to the Premier of South Australia.

Bates has taught as an Adjunct Professor of American Government at Virginia Commonwealth University and as Professor of Political Science at the University of Pristina in Kosovo and is currently an Adjunct Professor of International Law at the University of Indiana School of Law. He is a Member of the Atlantic Council of the United States, the Joint Task Force on the Reorganization of the Department of Homeland Security for the Heritage Foundation / CSIS and an Honorary Board Member of the Kosovo Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms.

Scott Bates holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia, and a MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics. He resides in Washington, DC.