

Edwina Rogers Biography

Edwina Rogers currently serves as Vice President, Health Policy for The ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC) in Washington, DC. ERIC advocates the employee benefits and compensation interests of America's major employers. Until May 2004, Edwina was Counselor to Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL), a member of the United States Senate. In this role, she handled matters for the Senator before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Additionally, Ms. Rogers advised the Senator on Housing, Social Security and Welfare matters.

From January 2001 until November 2002, Ms. Rogers served as Associate Director for the National Economic Council (NEC) at the White House. The NEC serves the purpose of advising the President on matters related to U.S. and global economic policy. Under President Bush, the NEC focused on the President's Agenda for Tax Relief, the National Energy Policy, Corporate Governance, Strengthening Social Security, Medicare Reform, Technology and Agriculture Policy, and other issues impacting the nation's economy. Ms. Rogers focused on tort, Social Security and Medicare reform. She was also responsible for External Affairs including media, public and business affairs; and NEC staff management. During 2000, Ms. Rogers served as Associate General Counsel to the U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms, an appointment enabling her to develop the first detailed manual on policies and procedures for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS).

From 1996 to 2000, Ms. Rogers was a partner in the Washington office of the law firm Johnson, Rogers & Clifton, LLP. Her practice focused on general corporate law, business acquisitions, international law and government affairs. Ms. Rogers also practiced law in the Washington office of Balch and Bingham from 1991 until 1994, where she specialized in general legislative and regulatory law, campaign finance and election law, corporate and international trade law, banking law, and environmental and energy law. While at Balch and Bingham Ms. Rogers also served as the Executive Director of the Fair Government Foundation, an election reform nonprofit created by Senator Paul Coverdell (R-GA).

Ms. Rogers was a principal in the United States Managers Group LLC, which raised in 1997 and co-manages the private equity Taiwan Mezzanine fund along with Taiwan International Security Corporation of Taipei, Taiwan. She traveled extensively to and from Asia during 1997 and 1998 while serving as corporate counsel for Le Meilleur Co., Ltd., a trading and real estate development company in Seoul, South Korea.

Ms. Rogers served as a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, during 1996. Ms. Rogers was the General Counsel for the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 1994 election cycle serving under Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX). As such, she advised U.S. Senators, their staff and Senate seat challengers on all aspects of political law (government ethics, campaign finance and election law). Ms. Rogers served in the previous Bush Administration in the International Trade Administration at the Department of Commerce where she assisted in the handling of unfair trade cases and other disputes involving international trade laws.

Ms. Rogers was born in Montgomery, Alabama. She received a B.S. in corporate finance from the University of Alabama and a J.D. from the Catholic University of America School of Law in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the state of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Ms. Rogers serves on the Board of Directors of Semco Energy, Inc. (NYSE: SEN) a natural gas distribution company. Edwina also serves on the Board of Trustees for the McLean Community Center (elected by tax district residents), and McLean Project for the Arts. She is the author of numerous articles on business and policy and is a regular guest on cable news programs.