Robert E. Rubin


Long active in public affairs, Mr. Rubin joined the Clinton administration in 1993 as assistant to the President for economic policy and as director of the newly-created National Economic Council (NEC). At the NEC, he coordinated economic policy recommendations to the President and monitored the implementation of the President’s economic policy goals.

In January 1995, Mr. Rubin was appointed the 70th Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. He served until July 1999, and was involved in balancing the federal budget; opening trade policy to further globalization; acting to stem financial crises in Mexico, Asia and Russia; helping to resolve the impasse over the public debt limit; and guiding reforms at the Internal Revenue Service.

From 1999 to 2009, Mr. Rubin served as a member of the board of directors at Citigroup and as a senior advisor to the company. In that capacity, he worked extensively with the firm’s clients around the world.

Mr. Rubin is one of the founders of The Hamilton Project, an economic policy project housed at the Brookings Institution that offers a strategic vision and innovative policy proposals on how to create a growing economy that benefits more Americans.

Mr. Rubin is the author of In an Uncertain World: Tough Choices from Wall Street to Washington [Random House, 2003, with Jacob Weisberg], which was a New York Times bestseller and was named one of Business Week’s ten best business books of the year.

Mr. Rubin is co-chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the board of trustees at the Mount Sinai Health System, and chairman of the board of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the nation’s leading community development support organization with 38 offices nationwide. In June 2014, he completed a 12-year term as a member of the Harvard Corporation. Mr. Rubin joined Centerview Partners in 2010 as a senior counselor; he serves as a sounding board and advisor to clients across the firm’s various activities, bringing years of experience in finance and public policy.

A summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College in 1960 with an A.B. in economics, Mr. Rubin received an LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1964 and attended the London School of Economics. He has received honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, Columbia and other universities.