

## Emily Bazelon



Emily Bazelon is a staff writer at the New York Times Magazine, the Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law at Yale Law School, and a co-host of the Slate Political Gabfest, a popular weekly podcast. She is the author of two national bestsellers published by Penguin Random House: *Charged*, about the power of prosecutors, and *Sticks and Stones*, about how to prevent bullying. *Charged* won the 2020 Los Angeles Times Book Prize in the current interest category and the Silver Gavel Book Award from the American Bar Association.

## Benjamin L. Ginsberg



Ben Ginsberg is a nationally known elections lawyer with 38 years' experience representing participants in the political process. His clients have included political parties, political campaigns, candidates, members of Congress and state legislatures, governors, corporations, trade associations, PACs, vendors, donors and individuals. He represented four of the last six Republican Presidential nominees.

His representations ranged across a variety of election law and regulatory issues, including those involving voting issues and election day operations, election recounts and contests, federal and state campaign finance laws, government investigations, ethics and gifts rules, pay-to-play laws, election administration, redistricting and communications law. Ben was appointed by President Barak Obama to serve as co-chair of the bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Administration which produced a much-lauded report in 2014 on best practices and recommendations for state and local officials to make U.S. elections run better.

Ben, currently a CNN contributor, appears frequently on television as an on-air commentator about politics and the law and has written numerous op-eds. He is a guest lecturer at the Stanford University Law School and has been a Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.

He served as national counsel to the Bush-Cheney presidential campaigns in the 2004 and 2000 election cycles and played a central role in the 2000 Florida recount. (In Jay Roach's movie *Recount*, Ginsberg is played by Bob Balaban). In 2012 and 2008, he served as national counsel to the Romney for President campaign. He also has represented the campaigns and leadership PACs of numerous members of the Senate and House as well as the national party committees, Governors and state officials. He has wide experience on the state legislative level from directing Republican redistricting efforts nationwide following the 1990 Census and being actively engaged in the 2001-2002 and 2011-2012 rounds of redistricting. He was a partner at Jones Day from 2014 to 2020 and at Patton Boggs for 23 years before that.

Prior to entering law school, Ben spent five years as a newspaper reporter at The Boston Globe, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, The Berkshire Eagle (Massachusetts), and The Riverside Press-Enterprise (California).

He and his wife, Jo Anne, live in Washington, D.C. and have two children and four grandchildren.

### **Mark Hamrick**



Mark Hamrick is Washington bureau chief and senior economic analyst for Bankrate.com. He is best known for his analysis of the economy, including the job market, the Federal Reserve, business trends, consumers and politics. He is quoted by major media outlets and appears on radio and television hundreds of times a year.

An award-winning business and financial news journalist, he joined Bankrate in 2013 after leading business news for Associated Press Broadcast for nearly 20 years.

Mark recently completed serving two terms as president of SABEW, the leading international association of business and financial journalists. He previously was president of the National Press Club and continues to serve as the Club's Broadcast Committee chair, a group he founded 15 years ago. In both capacities, he has served as a vocal advocate for press freedom and transparency.

A native of Kansas and son of a newspaper editor, Mark began his career as a high school student working at KGGF, a commercial radio station in his hometown of Coffeyville. He lives in Potomac, Maryland, with wife Jeanne, a strategic communicator who began her career as a journalist. Like many people, they've both been operating out of home over the past year, grateful to be able to continue to do their work.

### **Ben Owens**



Ben was born and raised in the Phoenix area before eventually heading to college in Providence, Rhode Island, and subsequently heading to Washington, D.C. He is now a legislative assistant for Representative Ann Kirkpatrick, who represents southeastern Arizona. Ben has been with Rep. Kirkpatrick's office since the beginning of 2019. Prior to joining his current office, he spent time in several other Congressional offices, including then Representative Kyrsten Sinema and Senator Amy Klobuchar Senate Rules Committee Ranking Member's office.

Ben handles a wide variety of issues for Representative Kirkpatrick — everything from housing to education to elections and more. He has also been the lead legislative staffer on Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's Local Journalism Sustainability Act, which was introduced in 2020 and will be reintroduced in the near future.

## Courtney Paxton



Courtney Paxton was born and raised in Lexington, Virginia. She attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia and during these formative years she forged a (mostly) healthy love of beer. Previously, Courtney has worked for both small, independent breweries and national brands. She holds several beer serving, making, selling and tasting certifications. Courtney enjoys all styles of beer and firmly believes that there is a beer out there for every person.