

## Short Bio

**Eric "Rick" Kessler** currently serves as President of Dow Lohnes Government Strategies, a lobbying group in Washington DC. Most recently Mr. Kessler served as Director of New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine's (D) Washington, DC office. Mr. Kessler is best known as the longtime chief of staff to House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John D. Dingell (D, MI) and as a professional staffer handling energy and environmental issues on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where he was the primary staffer to all the Democratic Committee Members on issues such as cogeneration, renewables, efficiency, hydro-power, public lands, oil, gas, coal, pipeline safety and energy-related research, remediation and tax policy. While serving as Chairman Dingell's chief of staff, he also was responsible for all political, legislative, policy, press and administrative matters. Previously Mr. Kessler was the Associate Director of Government Affairs for Princeton University, worked as a top aide to Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D, NJ), held legislative positions with Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D, NJ) and former Representative William J. Hughes (D, NJ). Mr. Kessler is a graduate of Kenyon College and Rutgers University and also attended the University of Surrey in Guildford, UK.