

# 2010 Hall of Fame Honoree

*G. James Papa, Jr.*  
**Class of 1992**



After graduation from Vestal High School, Jim Papa went on to Cornell University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. From there he entered Georgetown Law School and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.).

Jim began his career working for former Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D - South Dakota) on the Senate Democratic Technology and Communications Committee. He moved to the House in 1998 to become Communications Director for Rep. Rosa DeLauro (Connecticut - 03), and later served as Staff Director of the Office of the Assistant to the Democratic Leader. He served as Chief of Staff to Repl. Rush Holt (New Jersey - 12) for four years beginning in 2003. In 2007, Jim was asked to serve as Director of Member Services under former House Democratic Caucus Chairman Rahm Emanuel. In that position, he worked extensively with representatives elected in 2006 to assist them in the development and execution of their legislative, communications and constituent service objectives.

In January 2009, President-Elect Barack Obama appointed Jim to the position of Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. While at the White House, Jim has worked to advance the President's priorities in the areas of economic recovery, health care, energy, transportation, veterans affairs, natural resources and small business lending, among others.

Jim and his wife live in Alexandria, Virginia, with their two children.