

Congressman Brian Babin was sworn into the 114th Congress on January 6, 2015. As a life-long resident of East Texas, he proudly serves the people of Texas' 36th Congressional District – which includes the counties of Chambers, Liberty, Hardin, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Orange, and portions of southeastern Harris County.

Congressman Babin was born in Port Arthur, Texas and grew up in Beaumont. He graduated with a bachelor of science from Lamar University and completed dental school at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, Texas. He and his wife Roxanne live in Woodville, Texas and have been married since 1972. They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Babin served as an airborne artilleryman in the U.S. Army Reserve and in the Texas Army National Guard and held various jobs to put himself through school including: merchant seaman, janitor, musician, and U.S. Post Office letter carrier. Following his graduation from dental school, he served in the United States Air Force and was stationed overseas.

In 1979, Babin returned to East Texas and settled in Woodville where he opened his dental office. While running the practice and maintaining his small business for over three and a half decades, Babin served his community in a variety of ways – including as Woodville's Mayor, City Councilman, and ISD School Board Member, as well as the Director of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club President.

Upon setting in in Woodville, Congressman Babin also worked for Ronald Reagan's campaign as the county and then regional coordinator. Under his watch, he was instrumental in turning the tide toward Reagan and Republicans in Deep East Texas, which at the time was heavily Democratic.

Since 1999, Babin has also served on the Lower Neches Valley Authority, appointed by then-Gov. Bush and reappointed by Gov. Perry. He has also previously served on the Texas State Historical Commission and the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. In addition, he has served on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

In 2014, Babin was elected to Congress as the Representative of Texas' 36th Congressional District. He serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee – providing him a critical platform to serve the economic needs of the district, which includes NASA's Johnson Space Center, four deepwater ports, and numerous oil and gas refineries.

Babin has also been appointed the Chairman of the House Space Subcommittee, which has legislative jurisdiction and Congressional oversight authority over all matters relating to U.S. national space policy, including NASA and space commercialization.

Congressman Babin is a proven conservative leader who was elected on his commitment to creating a stronger and more secure America for future generations. He believes we can change the direction of

our country by promoting conservative policies that focus more on empowering the people – rather than the federal government. To that end, Congressman Babin is a strong opponent of the top-down, big-government policies being pursued by the Obama Administration and is fighting to repeal Obamacare, secure our border, and balance the budget. With the right conservative leadership, Congressman Babin maintains America's brightest and best days are still ahead of us.

**Daniel Gesek**

D.M.D.

**Jacksonville, FL**

Term Ends:

*10/31/15*

*Profession*

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon**

*Education*

**University of Pennsylvania**

*Residency*

**Washington Hospital Center**

## **U.S. Congressman Paul Gosar**

Congressman Paul A. Gosar, DDS, now from Prescott, Arizona, is serving his third term in Congress as the Representative from Arizona's Fourth Congressional District. First elected in 2010, he came to Congress with no prior political experience. He believes the Constitution provides the guidance to Americans and Congress, and he believes in more individual liberty and less government.

As a health care provider and small business owner, Dr. Gosar is focused on bringing jobs back to the district, reforming health care, reining in government spending, and ensuring that the American people are involved in the solution making process.

He has focused his legislative programs on natural resource development, and government accountability. Both areas stem from his work on the Natural Resources Committee and Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Dr. Gosar was recognized in 2012 as one of the most effective new members of Congress based on the number of legislative actions he proposed that passed the House. With 6 bills signed into law by the president, 12 other legislative efforts becoming law, and 24 of his amendments passing the House, Representative Gosar was arguably the **most effective member of the 113th Congress**.

Before being elected to Congress in 2010, Gosar owned his own dental practice in Flagstaff for twenty-five years.

Whether Gosar is in Washington fighting for his constituents, or back home in Arizona listening to the people and working together to find solutions to the problems that face Arizona's Fourth Congressional District, he remains committed to ushering in a new era of government that empowers individuals and reforms the bureaucratic procedures that stifle job creation and innovation.

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In total he has nearly 35 years of government affairs experience in the Federal and state legislative arenas. He has represented two other Associations; served as a gubernatorial appointee for two Maryland governors; worked for a U.S. Senator from Maryland; a Maryland Congressman; and a Maryland state representative. Mike has a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a B.A. from The Catholic University of America. Mike retired as a Commander in the United States Navy, following his service in Iraq.

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William MacLeod is a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. and Chicago offices and chair of the Antitrust and Competition practice group. A former bureau director at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Mr. MacLeod focuses his practice on competition law, trade regulation, advertising, privacy and security.

Mr. MacLeod guides domestic and international corporations through investigations, approvals and challenges of mergers and acquisitions. He has obtained FTC and Antitrust Division clearance of numerous acquisitions and joint ventures in a range of industries, including medical devices, grocery products, defense contracting and steel manufacturing. Mr. MacLeod also has assisted clients with protecting interests threatened by consolidation in industries ranging from accounting to travel services, and has served as special counsel for a government investigation of one of the world's largest manufacturing mergers.

Named 2013 D.C. Advertising "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Mr. MacLeod represents companies in advertising, antitrust and intellectual property disputes before the state and federal courts, the FTC and the National Advertising Division of the Council of Better Business Bureaus. His notable cases include one of the largest judgments ever awarded in an advertising and antitrust case, the FTC's first trial under the modern unfairness doctrine, and the FTC's first preliminary injunction action in an ad-substantiation case.

In addition, Mr. MacLeod counsels and defends companies and trade associations on pricing, advertising, distribution, intellectual property licensing and competitor relations. In his work with trade associations and their members, he has fought onerous regulations and advocated sensible policies on competition, biotechnology, health and privacy. In his work on privacy and security, he has defended the practices of major retailers, manufacturers and financial companies.

Mr. MacLeod previously served as director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, which is the chief federal prosecutor of unfair and deceptive advertising. In this position, he also served as the U.S. delegate to a committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, where agency heads of Europe, Australia and Japan develop policies for financial regulations, product safety and international advertising. Mr. MacLeod also previously held positions as advisor to the assistant attorney general of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division; director of the FTC's Chicago regional office; and attorney advisor to the FTC chairman.

**David J. Owsiany, JD**  
(pronounced “O-sha-nee”)

**Executive Director  
Ohio Dental Association**

David Owsiany has been executive director of the ODA since 2002. He previously served as director of legislative and legal services for the ODA, was a clerk to Justice Robert W. Cook of the Illinois Appellate Court, worked for the staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., and was president of the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions. He is an honorary member of the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists. He has published dozens of articles on legal and public policy matters in various journals, including the *Journal of the American College of Dentists*, *Engage: The Journal of the Federalist Society's Practice Groups*, and the *University of Toledo Law Review*. He has also published opinion columns in various newspapers and popular publications, including the *Columbus Dispatch*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and *Chronicles Magazine*. Owsiany earned his BA degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and his JD degree from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.



David M. Preble, DDS, JD, CAE

Dr. Preble is the vice president of the ADA's Practice Institute. He practiced general dentistry in both private practice and public health settings for over 20 years before coming to the ADA and is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He graduated from Marquette University in 1976, Georgetown University Dental School in 1980 and St. Thomas University School of Law in 1994. Prior to being appointed VP, he was director of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs and director of the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

# RODNEY L. WHITLOCK

## Biography – 2015



Rodney Whitlock was born and raised in Salem, Virginia. He graduated from Roanoke College in 1987. He spent two years at Appalachian State University as an assistant coach with the Men's Soccer Team, earning a Master's Degree in 1989. From 1989 through 1994, Rodney was in the political science program at the University of Georgia. He completed his doctorate in political science in March of 1998.

Rodney met Charlie Norwood in the summer of 1994 and handled debate prep during the Congressman's first campaign. After the election, he joined Congressman Norwood's staff and moved to Washington because he really couldn't think of a good reason not to. During his years with Congressman Norwood, he managed the Patients' Bill of Rights, which passed the House in 1999 and 2001. In February 2005, Rodney left the Office of Congressman Norwood to join the Finance Committee Staff as a health policy advisor for Chairman Chuck Grassley of Iowa. He was lead Senate staffer for the Medicaid provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006. In 2007, Rodney worked on the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act that passed Congress twice and was subsequently vetoed twice by President Bush. He spent 2009 and 2010 deeply engaged in health care reform legislation. Late in 2010, he became the Acting Health Policy Director for Senator Grassley and shepherded the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 into law during his brief tenure. He remains Health Policy Director for Senator Grassley now in the Senator's personal office, speaking to health care groups when time allows and enjoying his regular visits with the constituents from Iowa.

In his spare time, Rodney teaches at The George Washington University in both the Department of Health Policy and the Graduate School of Political Management. He has taught at the college level for 22 of the last 27 years. He is also recovering antique air-cooled Volkswagen addict and a back-of-the-pack triathlete turned cyclist. Rodney resides in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Sylvia, his son Matthew and daughter Samantha.