



POLICY AND POLITICS: IMPLICATIONS FOR INVESTORS

FEBRUARY 24

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, February 24

Time: 5pm – 6pm, Networking;
6pm – 7pm Program

Location: 150 S. Wacker, 9th floor

Cost: \$15

Wine and appetizers provided by Charles Schwab.

Join Mike Townsend, Schwab's Washington insider, for an in-depth and entertaining look at what's happening in the nation's capital and how it affects investors and our capital markets. Mike will provide the latest insight on the hot topics in Washington, including the budget, debt ceiling, retirement savings and tax issues. He'll also offer his perspective on key regulatory issues at the SEC, the Federal Reserve and other agencies. Mike also will preview the 2016 elections, including the state of the 2016 presidential campaign and the race for control of the US Senate.

SPEAKER BIO / MICHAEL T. TOWNSEND, Vice President, LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

As Vice President of the Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Michael T. Townsend handles a variety of policy issues for Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., and is also responsible for development and implementation of the firm's public policy communications strategy. He speaks regularly at events around the country on how policy and politics affect investors.

Townsend analyzes legislative and regulatory proposals to determine how they would affect individual investors, retirement plan participants and investment advisers. As an advocate for individual investors, he then develops and executes strategies to communicate their interests to lawmakers, the media, employees and clients. He specializes in tax issues, mutual funds, retirement savings, charitable giving issues, market structure and financial literacy.

Townsend is a featured speaker at dozens of employee, client, adviser and industry events each year, where he discusses the impact of the political and policy environment in Washington on investors and the capital markets. He also contributes legislative and political analysis articles to a variety of company publications.

Townsend joined Schwab in April 2000 after nearly three years at Powell Tate, Inc., a Washington, D.C., public affairs firm, where he headed the Financial Services Legislative and Regulatory Issues group. He previously served as press secretary and legislative assistant to Senator Susan M. Collins (R-Maine), and was Collins' spokesperson during her successful 1996 campaign for the Senate. From 1993-1996, Townsend was an aide to Senator William S. Cohen (R-Maine), serving as assistant press secretary and later as press secretary to the Senate Special Committee on Aging, which Cohen chaired.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and a Master of Arts degree in English from George Mason University. He lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with his wife and three children.

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