

## The Birch Bayh Legacy

The Bayh legacy includes many staff people who went on not only to prominent careers but also making their own substantial contributions to American life. He attracted talented people who gave him their intense loyalty in return, people who shared his legislative and political agenda as well. Many went on to distinguish themselves in a variety of ways, in and out of government or politics. From Birch's immediate family, of course, was Evan Bayh, who went on to serve as Indiana's Secretary of State, Governor and U.S. Senator. But several others are worth noting as well. The Bayh office was an incubator of talent and served as a springboard for many staff members who have accomplished a great deal.

Larry Conrad was elected Indiana Secretary of State and nominated by the Indiana Democratic Party for Governor. He went on to be vice president of Melvin Simon and Associates and died in Lyon, France while on a global speaking tour for "The Council for Livable Places";

Bob Keefe went on to run Sen. Scoop Jackson's 1976 presidential campaign;

Jay Berman, after spending a decade with Birch, ran the Washington office of Warner Communications for a decade then, for another similar period, ran the Recording Industry Association;

Ron Klain worked for Congressman Ed Markey then became Chief of Staff for Vice President Al Gore, headed up the famous recount effort in Florida for the Gore campaign, was portrayed by Kevin Spacey in a movie about the recount, became Chief of Staff for Vice President Joe Biden, President of Case Holdings and General Counsel of Revolution, LLC, also served as the Ebola Czar under President Obama and, after Obama, began writing a column for the *Washington Post* and became a commentator on MSNBC TV;

David Rubenstein became the deputy domestic advisor for President Carter, co-founded the Carlyle Group and served as its Managing Director, became Chairman of the Kennedy Center, a billionaire with substantial philanthropic achievements, including purchasing a copy of the Magna Carta, which he gave to the United States, plus donating funds to restoration projects at the Washington monument, Lee-Custis Mansion and James Madison's home Montpelier, among others;

Harold Ickes would go on to become deputy chief of staff for President Clinton, the chair of Hillary Clinton for President in 2008 and would serve as president of Catalist, an organization formed by progressive groups to provide high quality voter data for their political efforts;

Mathea Falco, who Birch appointed to be first female chief counsel of a major U.S. Senate Subcommittee in 1971, went on to serve as the First Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs and, later, president of Drug Strategies, a non-profit research institute in DC;

John Rector left in the spring of 1977 to head the Justice Department's Juvenile Justice Office, later serving as a special counsel to the attorney general. He also served on the Board of the Bureau of Prisons for 2-1/2 years before joining the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), both as senior vice president for government affairs and as general counsel;

Ann and Bill Moreau, who got married in the Senator's hideaway office in 1979, are still married. They moved to Indianapolis, where Ann became an award-winning elementary school teacher and librarian. Bill served as Chief of Staff to Evan Bayh when he was Secretary of State and during his first term as Governor and went on to prominence as a lawyer and advocate for the homeless;

Both Ted Najam and Terry Crone served as judges in Indiana;

Bob Hinshaw went on to spend six years running the Indiana office of the Small Business Administration;

Nels Ackerson was twice a candidate for Congress and a prominent DC attorney;

Tim Minor worked in other Congressional offices then for many years with Cummins Allison, a Chicago company with Indiana roots;

Jeff Smulyan became the president of a broadcasting empire in Indianapolis, Emmis Communications, and owned the Seattle Mariners baseball team for a period of time;

Tom Buis became a Senior Advisor to Sen. Tom Daschle, was the President of National Farmers Union and later of Growth Energy, promoting the use of ethanol;

Eve Lubalin, Mary Jane Checchi, Chris Aldridge, Kim Holmes, Abby Saffold (first female Secretary for the Majority in the Senate) went on to serve a number of other senators and congressmen;

Mark Gitenstein was appointed Ambassador to Romania;

Barbara Dixon left the office in 1979 to become the Director of Public Affairs and Congressional Relations for the National Traffic Safety Board (NTSB). In 1984 she was the Deputy Press Secretary for Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro. Later she became the Senior Vice President of the Motion Picture Association for 15 years. She left to become the Senior Vice President for Corporate Communications for Columbia Pictures, eventually becoming the Senior Vice President and Director of the Paley Center for Media in Los Angeles;

Fran Voorde went on to become the scheduling secretary for President Carter;

Mary Jane Checchi (who went on to become the first female staff director of the Democratic Policy Committee), Betty Tonsing, Carol Ann Nix and John Dibble (plus Evan and Birch) have all had books published;

Don Michael and Mike Pannos were both elected Indiana Democratic State Chairmen;

P.J. Mode, Mike Helfer, Mike Nemeroff, Jim Friedman (also appointed to a post in the Carter administration), Steve Richardson, Nels Ackerson, Tom Connaughton (also vice president of the Cook Group), Ed Nalbantian, Darry Sragow and Kevin Faley all became prominent attorneys in DC, Cleveland, New York, Los Angeles and London;

Diane Meyer Simon co-founded Green Cross International and Global Green USA, environmental advocacy non-profits and NGOs, with former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev;

Katie Wolf, Bill McCarty and Louis Mahern were all elected Indiana State Senators; Gil Genn was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates; other unsuccessful candidates for office were Jay Townsend, Mary Scifres Grabianowski and Jay Rigdon;

Howard Paster became the legislative director for the United Auto Workers and then the head of Congressional Affairs for President Clinton, eventually becoming the head of Hill & Knowlton Public Relations;

Joe Rees, P.A. Mack and Steve Rapp each received appointments to federal office;

Jim Bittermann went on to a distinguished career as an Emmy Award-winning foreign correspondent at ABC and CNN;

Joe Allen went on to become the Executive Director of Intellectual Property Owners, Inc., the Director of Technology Commercialization at the U.S. Department of Commerce and

worked at the National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC), where he continued his efforts to foster innovation around the country, a legacy of Bayh-Dole.