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Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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David C. Chavern is executive vice president and chief operating officer at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Chavern serves as chair of the Chamber’s Management Committee and is responsible for day-to-day operations as well as long-term planning. This includes responsibility for a range of policy, financial, administrative, and legal operations. He also oversees several revenue operations, including corporate partnerships and small business outreach and membership. Further, he is deeply involved in the Chamber’s innovative push into social and new media.

Chavern is also founder and president of the Chamber’s Center for Women in Business. The center’s objective is to increase opportunities for women at all levels of business.

Previously, Chavern served as the Chamber’s chief of staff and vice president of its Capital Markets initiative, where he quickly became one of the nation’s leading voices on corporate governance and on the regulation of U.S. capital markets. Earlier, he served in several senior positions at the U.S. Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank.

Before coming to Washington, Chavern was in private legal practice in Philadelphia.

Chavern holds an M.B.A. from Georgetown University (valedictorian) and is a graduate of the Villanova University School of Law (Order of the Coif) and the University of Pittsburgh (University Scholar).

Chavern resides with his wife and two children in Falls Church, Virginia. He is a member of the board of directors of AEGON U.S. Holding Corporation, the U.S. arm of the international life insurance, pension, and investment group and the parent of Transamerica Life Insurance Company. He is also on the President’s Advisory Committee for Trade Policy & Negotiations, the board of trustees at the University of Pittsburgh, and is chairman of the board of the Falls Church Education Foundation.