



## **Raul Gonzalez Participates in Meeting with President Bush on Health Savings Accounts.**

On April 2, 2007, Raul Gonzalez, Director of Administration of Passman & Jones, spent one hour seated to the right of President George W. Bush for a small group meeting on the benefits of Health Savings Account plans and to share his thoughts about the implementation of an HSA plan at Passman & Jones and its impact on him personally.

Also at the meeting to hear Raul's insights, were: U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt; Assistant to the President, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor Karl Rove; White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolten; Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Keith Hennessey; and Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy (Health) Julie Goon. Only six other individual HSA health plan members from across the country were invited to meet with the President.

As Director of Administration, Raul has the responsibility for researching and recommending health insurance benefits and plans for the 32 employees of Passman & Jones and their family members. Raul was able to share the firm's and his personal experiences with the HSA plan implemented by Passman & Jones. He told the President that the HSA plan has not only saved him and his family money, but it encouraged him to take a serious look at his lifestyle. He also added that while the HSA plan reduced the firm's premiums, the firm has used the premium cost savings to fund its employees' health savings accounts as a way of investing in their good health.

"The Bush Administration has been a strong supporter of consumer-driven products and has followed the success and adoption of HSAs since health insurers launched them back in January 2004," said Charlie Iovino, Federal Government Relations Representative for Aetna. "It was important for the President and his top advisors to hear first-hand from individual consumers about how the new health plan design are enabling individuals to afford coverage while making them more savvy consumers," Iovino added.

We are proud of Raul's national recognition as a leader in law firm administration, his work in promoting sensible health care alternatives for small businesses, and his many accomplishments here at Passman & Jones.

To see the White House press release regarding this meeting, [click here](#):