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President

### **Biographical Sketch**

**Robert A. Malson** is the President of the District of Columbia Hospital Association. He is an attorney and business executive with more than thirty years of experience in law, business management, advocacy, public policy, and strategic planning. He was a founder and vice chairman of the board of directors of the Washington Regional Heart Transplant Consortium and is a chairman emeritus of the board of directors of the Children's National Medical Center. He is the chair-elect of the board of directors of the United Way of the National Capital Area, and a member of the boards of directors of the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.

Mr. Malson served three years as vice chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) Emergency Preparedness Council and served as chairman of COG's Bioterrorism Task Force from 1999 through 2004. Mr. Malson received a commendation from COG for his leadership following the anthrax attacks in 2001 and HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson appointed him to the Secretary's Advisory Council on Public Health Preparedness.

Mr. Malson served two years as counsel to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee followed by four years as associate director of the White House Domestic Policy Staff for President Jimmy Carter. In 1992 he headed a cabinet-level vetting team for President-Elect Bill Clinton. District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams appointed him chairman of the Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs. Mayor-Elect Adrian Fenty appointed him co-chair of his Health Transition Team. He served as a member of Senator Barack Obama's Mid-Atlantic Presidential Finance Committee in 2008.

Born in Alexandria, Va., Mr. Malson is the son of a career soldier and grew up in Tokyo, Japan, and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. He served in the United States Navy as a *Talos* and *Terrier* Guided Missile Radar-Computer Operator-Technician aboard the USS Long Beach during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Malson received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and economics, *cum laude*, from Howard University and his Juris Doctor from the Harvard Law School. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar. He is married to Attorney Deborah Royster and has three children, Erik, Alexander and Hilary.

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