

# Chopus, Richman Among 500 Most Influential People Shaping Policy

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, May 4, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) has two people on Washingtonian Magazine's third annual list of [Most Influential People Shaping Policy](#).



IRI CEO Wayne Chopus and Chief Government and Political Affairs Officer Paul Richman were recognized as among the "...smart, innovative Washingtonians who care about issues and spend a lot of time thinking about them."

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*Wayne Chopus, IRI President  
and CEO*

Chopus was recognized for his leadership in enhancing IRI's reputation and credibility as a national leader and premier advocate on retirement public policy issues. Richman made the list for the second time for his federal advocacy efforts to keep retirement security at the forefront of Congress' agenda, which led to the enactment of the Secure 2.0 Act in 2022.

Washingtonian's selection process is determined by several factors, including deep subject matter expertise and a significant understanding of how policymaking works in the nation's capital. The magazine also seeks those who understand the nuances and complexities of a particular

issue area, focusing on policy subjects of special relevance to elected officials.

According to Washingtonian Magazine editor Catherine Merrill, "Ultimately, every one of the influencers shares a drive to understand a policy issue and propel it forward. Washington has always been a city of thinkers. We're confident these are among the best brains in the city."

"This is an incredible honor not only for Paul and me but our entire organization," Chopus said. "Recognition for public policy influence could not have happened without passion, drive, and

dedication among everyone at IRI who are committed to our mission to help millions of workers achieve a secure and dignified retirement. I'm proud of our team and what we have accomplished for workers and retirees on behalf of our members and our industry."

"It is an honor to join such a distinguished and respected group of business and labor leaders," Richman said. "Sharing this achievement with Wayne demonstrates the teamwork at IRI and the partnership with our members, which was crucial to the enactment of a new law that strengthened and enhanced retirement security for more of America's workers and retirees."

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