Biography: Representative Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD

Charles Boustany, Jr., MD, (R-LA) has been a member of Congress since 2004 when he was elected to Louisiana’s 7th Congressional District seat. Dr. Boustany received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (UL-Lafayette) in 1978, and continued his education at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA, where he received his medical degree in 1982.

As part of his training, Dr. Boustany served as a general surgery resident in Louisiana Charity Hospital System and then moved on to become the Chief Resident in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. Upon completion of his residency in 1990, Dr. Boustany returned to Louisiana and began a successful practice.

In addition to caring for thousands of patients in his years of practice, Dr. Boustany served on the Lafayette Parish Republican Executive Committee and served through 2001. He was named the Vice-Chairman of Bush-Cheney Victory 2000 Campaign for Lafayette Parish.

Upon arriving in Washington, DC, Dr. Boustany was named to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the House Committee on Agriculture. Under the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Dr. Boustany serves on the Subcommittees on 21st Century Competitiveness and Employer-Employee Relations. In this capacity, he lends a professional medical perspective on the importance of expanding health care coverage for owners and employees of small businesses through association health plans.

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To interview Dr. Boustany, please call Sandra Remey, Media Relations, at (301) 929-3554.
Biography: M. Blair Marshall, MD

Blair Marshall, MD, currently is Chief of Thoracic Surgery and Associate Professor of Surgery at Georgetown University Hospital. She serves as a member of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons’ Council on Quality, Research & Patient Safety’s Workforce on Patient Safety and Communications. Dr. Marshall also is a member of the Lung Cancer Alliance’s Medical and Scientific Advisory Board.

Dr. Marshall received her B.A. from Brown University in 1987 and graduated from Georgetown Medical School in 1991, where she also completed a general surgery residency. During this time, she was the recipient of the Hugh Hussey Award for excellence in medical student teaching and the “Outstanding Chief Resident” award. She was a research fellow at the Harvard School of Medicine under Dr. Judah Folkman and received a young investigators’ award for her work on the purification of an angiogenesis inhibitor. Dr. Marshall also completed a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania (1998-2000), in addition to a general thoracic fellowship there from 2000-2001. Dr. Marshall has served as a faculty member at Georgetown Medical School, the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Harvard University Medical School. While at Penn, Dr. Marshall was an investigator on a number of trials for non-small cell lung cancer and pleural malignancies, including gene therapy and tumor vaccination trials.

Dr. Marshall is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

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Biography: Douglas J. Mathisen, MD

Douglas J. Mathisen, MD, currently serves as a cardiothoracic surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital. In conjunction with his practice, Dr. Mathisen is a both Professor of Surgery (since 1999) and a Hermes C. Grillo Professor of Thoracic Surgery (since 2002) at Harvard Medical School.

He currently serves on The Society of Thoracic Surgeons’ Board of Directors as Treasurer, and holds positions on both the STS Executive and Finance Committees. Dr. Mathisen also participates as a member of the STS Workforce on Health Policy, Reform and Advocacy.

In addition to the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Dr. Mathisen is a member of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the General Thoracic Surgery Club and the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education. He has been the director of Massachusetts General Hospital’s cardiothoracic residency program since 1997, and also serves on the hospital’s General Executive Committee.

Dr. Mathisen has authored and edited numerous contributions to medical journals, such as *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, the *American Journal of Clinical Oncology* and the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, and from 1992 to 1999, Dr. Mathisen served as a guest reviewer for the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr. Mathisen received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970, and his medical doctorate from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1974. He is board certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and is a Fellow of American College of Surgeons.

To interview Dr. Mathisen, please call Sandra Remey, Media Relations, at (301) 929-3554.
Biography: Sandeep Khandhar, MD

Sandeep Khandhar, MD, is currently a Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. In July, Dr. Khandhar will begin a fellowship at Duke University Medical Center studying minimally invasive thoracic surgery. Dr. Khandhar is a graduate of Northwestern University’s Honors Program in Medical Education—an accelerated program which allowed him to receive both his B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and M.D. in seven years.

During his training, Dr. Khandhar was selected as the Administrative Chief Resident for both cardiothoracic surgery and general surgery, the latter being a peer-selected position to oversee 72 residents. In addition, he is a four-time recipient of the Resident Teacher of the Year award given for excellence in teaching medical students.

Dr. Khandhar has been the recipient of a number of awards and scholarships recognizing his professional excellence in clinical care, as well as compassionate and dedicated service. He also serves on the Thoracic Surgery Residents Association Executive Committee.

To interview Dr. Khandhar, please call Sandra Remey, Media Relations, at (301) 929-3554.