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Chris Cookson is a 25 year resident of Houston, moving to Texas to attend graduate school in the early 90s. Chris is a US Army veteran, serving 4 years in Military Intelligence and then attending college on the GI Bill.

He holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Maine, and a Ph.D. from the University of Houston. While in graduate school, he authored several book chapters and journal articles with a focus on American Politics and Education Policy. From 1994-1995 he was a Research Associate at the University of Houston Center for Public Policy, the predecessor to the Hobby School of Public Affairs.

Following the completion of his doctorate, he entered the financial services industry, where he has held various roles. Chris is currently a Senior Vice President with BB&T Scott & Stringfellow in Houston, where he serves on the Regional Leadership Team, as well as the Vice-Chair of the BB&T Texas Political Action Committee.

He has been active on a number of Boards, including the Houston Club, the University of Houston PAC, the Welcome Wilson Houston History Collaborative at the University of Houston, as well as several youth sports associations. His most enjoyable service was 5 years on the vestry of an Episcopal Church, including 2 terms as Senior Warden.

Chris has three sons in the Clear Creek ISD. Bennett and Spencer compete in varsity Cross Country and Track at Clear Lake HS. Carter competes in basketball, discus, and shot put in intermediate school.