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From 2012 to 2016 District Chairman of the CDU Ostwestfalen-Lippe and Deputy State Chairman of the CDU North Rhine-Westphalia.

Member of the Bundestag from 1990 to 2016. From 1999, chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Budget Committee. From 2005 to 2009, budget policy spokesman for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, from 2009 to 2015, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Finance.

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