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David A. Connolly was born in Brooklyn, New York. He received a BA in political science from Fordham University and a Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School. After graduation from law school, he served on active duty with the US Army for four years in both the Corps of Engineers and the JAG Corps. After representing the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States with the Congress and the Executive Branch for over 10 years on a variety of issues, he was a partner in a Washington, DC, law firm concentrating on health and pension plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

At the start of the 106th Congress (1999), he joined the staff of the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations (then chaired by future full committee chairman Rep. John A. Boehner [R-OH]), the subcommittee that has primary jurisdiction over employer-sponsored pension and health benefits. During the 106th, the 107th, and continuing in the 108th Congress, he worked on the Patient Bill of Rights, retiree health legislation, Mental Health Parity, Enron-related pension legislation, bills to alter funding calculations based on the 30-year Treasury bond, and other proposals to expand pension coverage under ERISA.

He is admitted to the bars of the state of New York, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. He and his wife, Joan, live in Northern Virginia where they try to keep up with their three children.