



2013 Inaugural Consular Corps College Symposium

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

6:30 – 8:30 pm: **Welcome Reception Overlooking the White House**
10th Floor, Bank of America Building, 730 15th St, NW
Washington, DC, 20005
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Thursday, December 5, 2013

8:00 – 8:45 am: **Registration**
Mezzanine Level

9:00 – 9:15 am: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Mauro Kolobaric, Dean of the Consular Corps College

9:15 – 9:30 am: **A Short History of the Honorary Consul and Why the Position Was Created**
The Honorable Manuel Morales, Honorary Consul, Japan

9:30 – 10:20 am: **The Role of the Honorary Consul: Duties, Responsibilities, Immunities, and Limitations**
Ms. Jennifer Weronki, Accreditation Unit Supervisor, U.S. Department of State

10:20 – 10:30 am: Break

10:30 – 11:50 am: **Establishment of a Consular Office**
Mr. Martin Koles, President, M. Koles and Associates, LLC
Laina Lopez, Esq., Partner, Berliner, Corcoran, and Rowe, LLP
Mr. Oliver Moss, Director, Global Government Markets, Bank of America
Moderator: **The Honorable Stefano Acunto**, Honorary Vice Consul, Italy

12:00 – 2:00 pm: **Lunch with Honored Guest Speaker**
The Honorable Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs,
The Council Room

3:15 – 4:00 pm: **Understanding and Working with the Offices within the State Department**
Ms. Gladys Boluda, Assistant Chief of Protocol for Diplomatic Affairs, Office of
Protocol
Mr. Bruce Matthews, Managing Director, Office of Foreign Missions
Special Agent Michael Van Buskirk, Director, Diplomatic Security Service
Moderator: **The Honorable Mauro Kolobaric**, Dean of the Consular Corps College

- 3:15 – 4:00 pm: [Protocol and the Honorary Consul](#)
Mr. Lawrence P. Dunham, Assistant Chief of Protocol, US Department of State, *Retired*
Introduction: **The Honorable Gayle Anderson**, International Protocol Officer – City of Nevada
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm: [How to Successfully Pursue General, Cultural, and Commercial Promotion by Partnering with Your Embassy and Other Ministry Offices](#)
Mr. Remco Zeeuw, Minister, (Economic), Royal Netherlands Embassy Washington, DC
Ms. Gabriella Augustsson, Counselor (Public Diplomacy, Press and Communications) Embassy of Sweden, Washington, DC
Mr. John Wellard, Counsellor, (Educational), Embassy of Australia, Washington, DC
Moderator: **The Honorable Bruce Allen**, Honorary Consul, The Principality of Liechtenstein



- 6:30 – 9:30 pm: [Dinner Cruise on the Potomac Aboard the *Spirit of Washington* \(Optional\)](#)
Enjoy a 3-course dinner buffet, live music, and the beautiful monuments and holiday decorations, lit up against the night sky
- 10:00 – 11:00 pm: [Networking Opportunity \(Optional\)](#)
Avenue Café and Bar Lounge
Join up and mingle with old and new colleagues after the dinner (Cash Bar)



Friday, December 6, 2013

- 9:00 – 11:45 am: [Training in Crisis Response for Foreign Nationals Caught in a US Disaster](#)
Mr. W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Mr. Joshua Batkin, Director, Office of External Affairs, FEMA
Mr. Joseph Nimmich, Associate Administrator, Response and Recovery, FEMA
Mr. Trevor Rigger, Vice President, American Red Cross
Mr. Chris Geldart, Director DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency and Officer of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
Mr. Bruce Matthews, Managing Director, Office of Foreign Missions, US Department of State
Moderator: **Mr. Andrew Slaten**, Deputy Director, International Affairs, FEMA
- 11:45 – 12:00 am: Break
- 12:00 – 2:00 pm: [Lunch with Honored Guest Speaker](#)
The Chief of Protocol of the United States of America

2:15 – 3:50 pm: [Understanding Parole, Protection, and the S-Visa for Foreign Nationals](#)
Ms. Sharon Peyus, Unit Chief, Homeland Security Investigations/Investigative Services Division, Law Enforcement, Parole, S-Visa/Wit Sec Unit
Mr. Luis R. Cortes, Deputy Director, Department of Homeland Security Office of International Affairs, ASIA-PACIFIC
Ms. Elizabeth A. Runge, Branch Chief, Humanitarian Affairs Branch, USCIS International Operations Division, Department of Homeland Security, Invited Moderator: **The Honorable Mauro Kolobaric**, Dean of the Consular Corps College

3:50 – 4:00 pm: Break

4:00 – 5:00 pm: [The Overseas Private Investment Corporation: Facilitating Large US Investments Abroad](#)
Dr. Lawrence Spinelli, Director, Outreach and Public Affairs, and Former Acting President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation



7:00 – 10:00 pm [Reception, Gala Dinner and Awarding of Certificates in Consular Training](#)
Honored Guest Speaker: **The Honorable Patrick Kennedy**, Under Secretary of State for Management
Venue: Embassy of New Zealand

