

BOB J SATAWAKE

Bob Satawake incorporates a diverse background with extensive experience in entrepreneurial initiatives. As a former diplomat, he developed and maintains relationships at the highest levels of government and the private sector specializing in foreign policy relationships that forward the stability of emerging democracies. Bob recently completed his Graduate Diploma in Global Business – Masters Level at the University of Oxford Said School of Business and received a BBA in Marketing/Political Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1987.

Bob served as a U.S. Diplomat in the Dominican Republic as senior policy advisor to Ambassador Brewster and chaired 13 human rights committees at U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo. Bob had the honor and responsibility to guide multiple programs and events for the U.S. Embassy to impact policies on a variety of platforms working with other Embassies from around the globe. In addition, he was instrumental in influencing the Dominican Republic's environmental policy on de-forestation and decreasing the production of wood charcoal. Most recently he has influenced a positive change in pursuing justice for victims of gender based violence and human/sex trafficking through the exposure of these activities in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo and various law enforcement agencies, in addition he served as senior advisor to three USAID LGBT projects in the Dominican Republic including the launch of the LGBT Chamber of Commerce in association with the U.S. Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the launch of Tolerance through Tourism in association with COIN, and the launch of the LGBT Candidate Initiative in association with Victory Fund.

Bob recently became an advisor to the National Democratic Institute (NDI) serving as the Chairman of the Equal Voices Advisory Council focused on minority and LGBTI inclusion in developing democracies throughout the world. Bob joined NDI's diplomatic missions to Georgia and Ukraine with Secretary Madeline Albright in June 2017. In September 2017 he completed an additional mission with NDI to Bogota, Colombia promoting democracy and human rights as a platform of effective foreign policy. In July of 2018 he led a delegation to Belgrade, Serbia where he had the opportunity to meet with the Ministry of the Interior of Serbia to discuss diversity and inclusion as they seek their membership in the European Union, and most recently he completed a mission to Guatemala where we met with the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, members of the legislature and human rights groups concerning foreign policy, human rights and Guatemala's pending elections.

Bob was the owner and managing partner of Chicago Luxury Group, a boutique luxury real estate firm affiliated with Sotheby's International Realty. The success he experienced in the real estate business allowed him to be involved in a variety of philanthropic and other social and political activities. As a humanitarian promoting the equality of all people he served as a Member of the Board and Dinner Committee Member for BUILD, a non-profit organization serving Chicago's inner-city high school at-risk youth for gang prevention as well as providing other educational resources and programs. Bob also served as a member of the National Board of Directors for Victory Fund, a non-profit bi-partisan organization that provides educational and leadership training for LGBT candidates running for elected office.

Bob is a contributing writer to various news publications regarding humanitarian rights and marginalized people. He has spoken before the American Chamber of Commerce in the Dominican Republic, the George Washington School of Political Management, the National Conference of the Victory Fund and other outlets regarding corporate social responsibility and the promotion of human rights. Bob has been a guest lecturer at both the University of Chicago and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine regarding Public Health and Diplomacy. Today his passions continue to promote humanitarian equality of all people and he continues to travel the world in support of organizations that assist the disenfranchised. Bob also publishes an online blog regarding humanitarian and legislative causes.