

CURRICULUM VITAE

H.E Ambassador Ralph S. Thomas

Summary

Senior Teaching Fellow – Mona School of Business and Management - University of the West Indies - present

Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and resident Head of Mission - the Embassy of Jamaica, Washington D.C and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, from September 4, 2015 to May 1, 2016. Ambassador Thomas's initiatives in strengthening USA/Jamaica bilateral relations, economic diplomacy and Multilateral Diplomacy have been hallmarks of his distinguished career contributing to Jamaica's development.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and resident Head of Mission, the Embassy of Jamaica, People's Republic of China from 21st July 2013 to September 2015 and Non-Resident High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Designate to Socialist Republic of Vietnam; Kingdom of Cambodia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Islamic Republic of Pakistan; People's Republic of Bangladesh; and Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Prior to his Diplomatic role, Ambassador Thomas was a Senior Teaching Fellow at the Mona School of Business and Management, University of the West Indies Mona Campus, Jamaica.

He had an extensive career in the U.S.A, as a Senior Executive with Wall Street experience and proven track record in banking, finance & investments, corporate development, strategic management and policy-making. He is also an IMF Institute trained Central Banker with expert knowledge of the Jamaican and global economy.

He accumulated high-level experience in Corporate Finance and Management, Private and Corporate Banking, Asset Management, Multinational Banking, Trade Finance, Enterprise Risk and Operations Management, International Correspondent Banking and Policy on Wall Street.

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Ambassador Thomas provided financial advisory services to U.S. Multi-National Corporations on structured finance and trade and has certifications from U.S Eximbank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

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In Jamaica, Ambassador Thomas served as Chairman of the Micro Investment Development Agency Limited; Director and Finance Chairman, Urban Development Corporation; Director, Jamaica Financial Services Authority and Director of the National Investment Fund.

Professional Experience

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE, Jamaica

Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary – July 21, 2013 to May 1, 2016.

Ambassador to Peoples Republic of China – July 22, 2013 – September 4, 2015

Ambassador to U.S.A., September 4, 2015 – May 1, 2016

Ambassador responsible for IMF, IDB, PAHO/WHO relationships in Washington

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, Jamaica

Mona School of Business and Management

Senior Teaching Fellow, 9/2009 to 7/2013

- Specializations: Business Policy and Strategy, Risk & Treasury Management, Enterprise Risk Management, Financial Analysis; Management of Financial Institutions, International Entrepreneurship, Financial Institutions Consulting within MSBM – Professional services Unit.

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY CONSULTANT, Jamaica

Consultant, Public and Private Clients, 2004-2009

Consultant and Chief Negotiator, Government of Jamaica, 2006-2007

- Privatization of CTL Ltd; provided strategic advice to the Development Bank of Jamaica and the Government of Jamaica on privatization and negotiated with selected buyers.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, NEW YORK, U.S.A – 1981 to 2003

Vice President

Private Client Services/BNY Asset Management, 4/2002-9/2003

- Developed business solutions and provided project management leadership to the bank-wide financial Surveillance Program of the Asset Management sector, leveraging offshore banking expertise.
- Compliance: Created an improved control environment and enhanced risk management system for surveillance of BNY Hamilton Family of Mutual Funds, Offshore Trusts, Personal Asset Management, Institutional Equity, Custody and other business lines.

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Professional Experience (cont'd)

Vice President

Chairman's Task Force for Policy and Procedure, 9/1999-4/2002

- Led a highly successful senior management team of professionals, assigned to overhaul the policy and compliance regime of the bank.
- Co-authored Bank of New York's Code of Conduct Policy, authored and delivered Compliance Training for Senior Executives.

Regional Manager/Vice President

Central Westchester Region, 1995-1999

- Provided Executive leadership to a 20-branch network of branches.

District Manager/Vice President

South Manhattan Retail Banking District, 1991-1995

- Provided Executive leadership to a network of 10 major branches in Manhattan, including the flagship Head Office branch on Wall Street.

Vice President & Group Head

Trade and Multinational Banking Division, Northeast Region, 1989-1991

- Marketed a wide array of structured finance products to major multinational corporations in the Northeast Region of the USA, and financed overseas ventures and projects, using Eximbank and OPIC Guarantees and other multilateral programs.
- Developed Trade Finance and Foreign Exchange business with Middle Market and major corporations in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Vice President

International Banking Division, 1982-1989

- International Correspondent Banking Officer covering Europe, Middle East and Africa.
- Marketed all bank products to foreign banks, foreign government entities and select corporations;
- Specialized in offshore banking products and services.

Trainee

Commercial Bank Management, 1981-1982

- Comprehensive credit, operations, corporate finance, treasury and marketing training involving formal coursework and hands on job rotations.

THE BANK OF JAMAICA, JAMAICA, W.I.

Senior Administrative Officer, 1976-1980

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- Senior policymaking and implementation role in managing balance of payments and foreign exchange resources.

Education

Columbia University, U.S.A.

- Masters in Business Administration (MBA) - 1990

Columbia University, U.S.A.

- Management Development Program for Executives Certificate - 1990

University of the West Indies, Jamaica, W.I

- Bachelor of Arts (Second Class Honors) - 1976

Jamaica Government Exhibition Scholarship

- Scholarship Winner for the University of the West Indies -1971

International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., U.S.A

- Financial Analysis and Policy Training – IMF Institute (FAP 80 II)

Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIMBANK), U.S.A.

- Certified – U.S. Small Business Association and Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

Affiliations

Former Member - Capital Club of Beijing, China

Former Chairman - Micro Investment Development Authority, Jamaica

Former Director - Urban Development Corporation, Jamaica

Former Director - Jamaica Financial Services Authority (JIFSA), Jamaica

Former Director - National Investment Board (NIF), Jamaica

Former President - UWI Guild of Graduates, New York Branch

Former University Council Member - University of the West Indies, 2002 -2004

Former Director, Board of Undergraduate Studies, UWI, 2002 -2004

Former Director - The American Foundation for the University of the West Indies

Member - Columbia University Alumni Association

Former Director - Mental Health Association of Westchester, New York

LANGUAGE: English

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Mrs. Sandra Andrea Dixon-Thomas, has three daughters and a son.

REFERENCES: Provided on request

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