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Ambassador Barry B. White is an experienced and very successful senior leader and manager in both the public and private sectors. He served with distinction as the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway/ Chief of Mission of the Embassy in Oslo from October 2009 until September 2013. He placed emphasis on increasing bilateral relationships between Norwegian and U.S. business, commercial and educational leaders and institutions with commercial, business and educational interests in Norway and the Nordic region. In particular, he worked with the oil and gas, health care, environmental, shipping and fisheries industries and numerous institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Norway and, following his service, continues to maintain business relationships with Norwegian entities.

Prior to his service as Ambassador, he was an associate (5 years) and partner (35 years) for a total of 40 years at Foley Hoag LLP, a major law firm in Boston; he served for over 13 years as the Chairman and/or Managing Partner. As the elected leader of the firm, he demonstrated particular skills in organizational management, structuring, entrepreneurship, and mergers and acquisitions of law firms and lawyers, with overall responsibility for bottom-line profit and interpersonal relations. He was the primary architect of a major reorganization/restructuring of the firm that led to significant growth and profitability and had the foresight to relocate the firm's offices to a new and untested area of Boston that is now a thriving business and commercial part of the city.

Ambassador White has been involved in numerous community and political activities. He served as the Secretary, General Counsel and on the Executive Committee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and of the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC), and as a director of the Massachusetts Alliance for International Business and the Boston Municipal Research Bureau. He was on the Board of the Northeastern University School of Public Policy, the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH), the Boston University School of Dental Medicine, and Edgewater Technologies, Inc. He also served as board member and Chair of Lex Mundi, the world's largest association of independent law firms, with members in more than 150 US states and countries in the world. He is currently serving as Chair of the Board of MAMH, Vice-Chair and Treasurer and Member of the Board of ICIC, Chair/President of the Harvard Law School Association of Massachusetts, and as Member of the Advisory Boards of Foreign Policy for America, Pathfinder International and MindWise.

Ambassador White served as the Chair of the Presidential Election Campaign of Senator Paul Tsongas and on the national finance committees for, and as chair or co-chair of New England Lawyers for, Bill Clinton, John Kerry and Barack Obama. He served on the finance committee for Hillary Clinton for President.

Ambassador White provides expert strategic business consulting and advice to both domestic and international businesses, serves on several corporate and nonprofit boards of directors, and speaks on a variety of topics relating to international business, entrepreneurship, innovation, and diplomacy.

He is a graduate of Harvard College, magna cum laude, and Harvard Law School, magna cum laude, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He served as a Commissioned Officer in the US Public Health Service from 1967-69.

He has been married to Eleanor White, an expert in affordable housing, since 1967; they have three sons and 2 granddaughters.