



Consul General Roy B. Norton

As the Consul General of Canada based in Chicago, Roy Norton represents Canada in Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. The Canadian Consulate General, which he heads, promotes Canadian interests - trade, investment, the environment, culture and academic relations being among the principal ones. The office also provides consular and passport services.

Until March, 2014, Roy served as Canada's Consul General to Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, based in Detroit. From 2006 to 2010 he was Minister (Congressional, Public and Intergovernmental Relations) at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., with responsibility for the Canadian government's relations with the U.S. Congress, as well as for media and public relations, cultural and academic relations, the interests of Canadian provinces & territories in Washington, D.C., the activities of Canadian legislators in Washington, and outreach to U.S. states.

That was his second posting in Washington; he served in the Embassy's Economic Section from 1990-1994 and was a member of Canada's negotiating teams for the intellectual property and investment chapters of NAFTA.

From 2000 until 2006 Roy was based in Toronto, working for the Government of Ontario (in '05-'06 as Assistant Deputy Minister, International Relations & Chief of Protocol in the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs; previously as Assistant Deputy Minister Export Development, and President/CEO of Ontario Exports Inc., in the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade).

Prior to his earlier Washington assignment, Roy worked in the Canadian Parliament (first in the House of Commons, then in the Senate) and, subsequently, for five years, as Senior Policy Advisor to the Canadian Foreign Minister. After leaving the Embassy in 1994 he worked as a consultant to the Canadian Departments of Foreign Affairs and Industry and to several private sector firms.

Born in Ottawa, Roy graduated initially from Carleton University (MA in Canadian History). He also holds Masters Degrees from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government (in Public Administration) and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (in International Public Policy), as well as a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins SAIS (in International Relations).