

Elizabeth Bagley

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Ambassador Elizabeth Frawley Bagley rejoined the U.S. Department of State as Special Representative to the Secretary of State for Global Partnerships on June 1, 2009. On October 1, 2010 she assumed the position of Senior Advisor for Special Initiatives to the Secretary. Prior to her appointment Ambassador Bagley served as Vice Chair of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, a Presidential appointment with Senate confirmation, on which she served from 2003 – 2009. She has served as Chair of the National Advisory Board for the Democratic National Committee and Chair of the Clinton Library Board of Trustees. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, the American Ireland Fund, the French American Foundation, the Atlantic Council, the Foreign Affairs Museum Council and the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Prime Minister of Ireland’s Global Irish Forum.



Ambassador Bagley served as Senior Advisor to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright from 1997 – 2001, where she established and headed the Office of Media Programming Acquisition for the newly independent Balkan states. Prior to this position, Ambassador Bagley served as the U.S. Ambassador to Portugal from 1994 to 1997. Upon her departure from Portugal, she received meritorious awards from the Portuguese Navy and Air Force, as well as the “Grand Cross of Prince Henry the Navigator,” the President of Portugal’s highest civilian commendation.

Ambassador Bagley has also received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Regis College in 2003, the “Global Democracy Award” from the International Women’s Democracy Center in March, 2005, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in May, 2005, the 2010 Meridian International Public Diplomacy Award, and the 2013 Secretary of State’s Distinguished Honor Award.

Ambassador Bagley served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. She has held several other positions in the Department of State: Congressional Liaison Officer for the Panama Canal Treaties during the Carter Administration (1977 – 1979); Special Assistant to Ambassador Sol Linowitz for the Camp David Accords, (1979- 1980); and Congressional Liaison to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (1980 – 1981).

Ambassador Bagley currently serves as Chair of SBI, Inc., a rural wireless company located in Show Low, Arizona.

Ambassador Bagley graduated cum laude from Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Spanish. She is a 1987 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, where she obtained a Juris Doctorate in International Law. She is the mother of two children, a daughter, Vaughan, age 23, a graduate of Stanford University, and son Conor, age 19, presently at Yale University. Ambassador Bagley is a member in good standing of the Massachusetts Bar and District of Columbia Bar.