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**Paul DeVillers**

Paul DeVillers represented the Canadian riding of Simcoe North as a Member of Parliament from 1993 to 2006. During his tenure Mr. DeVillers served in several capacities, including acting as Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and as Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons. He also chaired several committees, such as the Standing Committee for Justice, Human Rights and Public Security, as well as the Human Rights Subcommittee of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. DeVillers traveled extensively while serving in Parliament. In 1999, he represented Canada in South Africa for the changing of Leaders from Mr. Mandela to Mr. Mbeki. As Secretary of State for Sport, he negotiated and signed bi-lateral agreements for co-operation in sport with Russia, Brazil, Malaysia and Cuba. Outside of Parliament, during 2008 and 2009, he served as Special Advisor-Caucus to the Leader of the Official Opposition, acting as Caucus Liaison with the Liberal National Caucus.

A graduate of the University of Ottawa, Mr. DeVillers practiced law for many years before being elected to Parliament.

**Per Gahrton**

Per Gahrton represented Sweden's Green Party in the European Parliament for ten years. During his tenure, Mr. Gahrton participated in missions with both the Swedish and European Parliaments to the Middle East in 1990 and 2003. Before becoming MP and MEP, Mr. Gahrton was a correspondent for Swedish Media in the Middle East, a region he has travelled extensively. Mr. Gahrton has also participated in election observation missions to Russia, Georgia, Palestine and Indonesia.

He currently works as a freelance writer and lecturer and is active in many organizations. He is a chairperson of the Swedish Green Think Tank COGITO, a chairman of the Palestine Solidarity Association of Sweden, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Regional Environmental Center for South Caucasus in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Mr. Gahrton has a PhD in Sociology and has authored some forty books.

**Scott L. Klug**

For eight years, Mr. Klug represented Madison, Wisconsin in the U.S. Congress, where he developed an expertise in health care, insurance, financial services, telecommunications and energy policy. Today he is a public affairs director at the national law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP.

The former Congressman was appointed by President Bush to two terms on the President's Advisory Board on Trade and Policy Negotiations which provides counsel on fast track authority, CAFTA, trade with China and other issues.

Mr. Klug has led training programs on journalism and political campaigns for the U.S. State Department in Venezuela, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates; for the International Republican Institute in Indonesia and Guatemala and for Internews in Uzbekistan. During his tenure in Congress, he led delegations to the U.K., New Zealand, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal. He also participated in other trips to Algeria, Uganda, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He is a frequent contributor to U.S.-European exchange programs both in the U.S. and overseas and in 2007 led a trip for Congressional staffers to Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan.

### **Douglas C. Rowland**

As a former federal Member of Parliament, Mr. Rowland held the post of Defense Critic for the New Democratic Party. Mr. Rowland has had extensive experience in government politics and the not-for-profit sector. Mr. Rowland was the President of the International Election Monitors Institute (IEMI), formed jointly by the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, the United States Association of Former Members of Congress and the Former Members Association of the European Parliament. He was recently named President Emeritus by the IEMI Board of Directors.

Mr. Rowland has been active in governance and democracy work internationally. He has had assignments in Morocco, where he developed a domestic election monitoring organization, in Mexico, the former Yugoslavia and Indonesia. In January 2006, Mr. Rowland headed the six-person International Mission for Iraqi Elections' Assessment Team sent to Baghdad to analyze the December 2005 Iraqi election results. In 2007 he participated in election monitoring missions in Morocco and Ukraine.

He is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Legislative Exchange.

### **Anthony Simpson**

A former lawyer, Mr. Simpson was elected as the Member of the European Parliament for Northampton and South Leicestershire, United Kingdom, where he served for three terms from 1979 to 1994. Mr. Simpson was a long-standing Member of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Third World Development Committee, where he was the Group Spokesman of the European Democratic Group from 1987 to 1989. He also served as a Member of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Joint Assembly, travelling widely in Africa and the Caribbean.

Between 1994 and 1996 Mr. Simpson was an Assistant Inspector in the Inspectorate General of Services. Between 1996 and 2000 he set up and managed the DAPHNE Programme, which is designed to help NGOs, local authorities and those working with children in other organizations within the EU to combat violence against women and children.

Mr. Simpson retired in 2000 and remains active in numerous associations and committees.

### **Jim Slattery**

Jim Slattery, a six-term U.S. Congressman from Kansas, was a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee during his entire 12-year tenure in Congress. This Committee has broad jurisdiction over health care, energy, telecommunications and environmental issues like the Clear Air Act and Superfund. He also served on the House Budget Committee and House Financial Services Committee.

Mr. Slattery is a former President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress and serves on the Board of Directors for several organizations.

A graduate of Washburn University School of Law, Mr. Slattery is currently a partner with the law firm Wiley Rein where he advises clients who have matters pending before Congress, federal agencies and regulatory bodies. He has experience in energy, railroads, health care, insurance, international trade and telecommunications.