

AMBASSADOR CLAY CONSTANTINOU RET.

Mr. Constantinou is Managing Director at the Clinton Group Inc., a registered investment adviser in New York City that manages approximately \$7 billion in capital.

Mr. Constantinou served as the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg from June 1994 to February 1999. His tenure occurred during one of the most intense periods of European integration and transatlantic relations. Historic decisions were reached in Luxembourg including EU enlargement and economic monetary union. During the 1997 Luxembourg EU presidency, he led numerous American delegations and participated in negotiations on key trade and global cooperation issues.

Following his appointment to Luxembourg, Ambassador Constantinou served for six years as the founding Dean of the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University. During his tenure, he led the School to extraordinary growth and prominence. His achievements include the creation of the World Leaders Forum where international leaders and influential policymakers convene to discuss critical global issues. Among those who presented were President Mikhail Gorbachev, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, President Mohammad Khatami, EU Court of Justice President Gil Carlos Rodriguez Iglesias and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Prior to his diplomatic service, he was a partner at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, one of New Jersey's premier law firms. He has been active in national politics, spearheading the New Jersey Presidential campaigns of Governor Michael Dukakis, Governor Bill Clinton and Senator John Kerry, and serving on their national leadership committees and as delegate at the Democratic National Convention.

Ambassador Constantinou earned a J.D. from Seton Hall School of Law and an LL.M from New York University Graduate School of Law. He received a B.A. in political science from New Jersey City University, where he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for soccer and tennis, and was later named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Seton Hall School of Law named him Distinguished Graduate of the Year. Ambassador Constantinou has served on numerous boards including the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. He currently serves on the Council of American Ambassadors, the Board of Visitors of Seton Hall School of Law and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute.

In 1999, Cyprus President Glafcos Clerides presented him the Republic's highest distinction, the Medal for Exceptional Services. In addition, Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos bestowed upon him the Medal of Saint Barnabas the Apostle. He received an honorary doctorate degree from New Jersey City University, and is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Ambassador Constantinou was born in New York City and grew up in Cyprus. He resides in New Jersey with his wife Eileen and their two children, Jennifer and Dan.