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BIOGRAPHY

LEOCADIA I. ZAK, DIRECTOR

Leocadia I. Zak serves as the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency where she leads an Agency dedicated to encouraging economic growth in emerging markets and the export of U.S. goods and services to those markets. After being nominated by President Obama in November 2009, Ms. Zak was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 10, 2010. She had served as Acting Director of the Agency since January 20, 2009 and before that was the General Counsel (2000-2006) and Deputy Director (2006-2009) of USTDA.



Prior to joining USTDA, Ms. Zak was a partner in the Washington, D.C. and Boston offices of Mintz, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popco, P.C. practicing in the areas of corporate, municipal and international finance. She served as counsel in connection with a variety of project finance transactions for energy, transportation, health care, telecommunications and tourism projects.

Ms. Zak was also an Adjunct Professor of Law and has taught “International Project Finance” at the Boston University School of Law, Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law Studies and at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Ms. Zak received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her J.D. from Northeastern School of Law.