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Grant Harris

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Industry & Analysis
United States

Experience

U.S. Department of Commerce

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Industry & Analysis

April 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

The mission of the Industry & Analysis unit is to produce the world's most in-depth, high-quality trade analysis while creating and implementing innovative trade and investment strategies that unlock global opportunities for U.S. businesses.

Connect Frontier LLC

Chief Executive Officer

September 2015 - December 2021 (6 years 4 months)

Advised companies and organizations on strategy, policy, and mitigating risk with respect to doing business in emerging and frontier markets.

Northwestern University - Kellogg School of Management

Adjunct Professor of Global Management

August 2019 - August 2021 (2 years 1 month)

University of California, Berkeley, Haas School of Business

Lecturer

January 2020 - May 2021 (1 year 5 months)

Teach a course on "Doing Business in Emerging Markets"

The White House

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs

August 2011 - August 2015 (4 years 1 month)

National Security Staff

- Served as the principal advisor to President Barack Obama on issues related to sub-Saharan Africa.

- Initiated and coordinated U.S. policies toward the 49 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including political, economic, and security matters.

- Conceived of and was a primary lead in implementing the historic U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, in which President Obama hosted 51 African Leaders in Washington, DC in August 2014. The Summit generated \$37 billion in new commitments to support trade, investment, and development across Africa.

- Initiated and coordinated the Doing Business in Africa Campaign, to encourage greater U.S. trade and investment; launched the President's Young African Leaders Initiative, to support emerging leaders; and conceived and was the primary architect of the U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa, signed by President Obama in 2012.

- Oversaw U.S. efforts to create and implement the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, and led the U.S. response to various peace and security crises across Africa.

U.S. Mission to the United Nations

2 years 8 months

Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor

August 2010 - August 2011 (1 year 1 month)

Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations

January 2009 - August 2010 (1 year 8 months)

Obama-Biden Transition Team

Team Member, Agency Review Team, U.S. Mission to the United Nations

December 2008 - January 2009 (2 months)

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Associate

2005 - January 2009 (4 years)

- Counseled and assisted clients with respect to international financings and business transactions, particularly mergers and acquisitions involving Latin America.

- Extensive pro bono work: pro bono counsel to The Bureau for International Reporting; drafted amicus curiae brief for use before a human rights tribunal in Africa.

- Five month secondment to Lawyers Alliance for New York.

National Security Council, The White House
African Affairs
2000 - 2001 (1 year)

U.S. Department of State
Special Assistant, U.S. Mission to the United Nations
1999 - 2000 (1 year)

Education

Yale Law School
J.D. · (2002 - 2005)

Princeton University
M.P.A., Public Policy, International Relations · (2001 - 2005)

University of California, Berkeley
B.A., Political Science · (1994 - 1998)