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Top Skills

Government
Leadership
Politics

Honors-Awards

Emory Distinguish Law Alumni
Award
Secretary's Distinguished Service
Award

Reta Jo Lewis, Esq.

President and Chair, Export Import Bank of the United States
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Experienced Senior national security, Foreign affairs professional, subnational diplomacy expert and public policy attorney with a demonstrated history of working in the think tank, nonprofit, government and private sector. Skilled in Government, Entrepreneurship, Public Speaking, Legislative Relations, and International Relations. Strong community and social services professional graduated from Emory University School of Law.

Experience

Export-Import Bank of the United States
President and Chair of the Board
February 2022 - Present (1 year 9 months)
United States

Leadership Council for Women in National Security
Member of the Board
July 2021 - February 2022 (8 months)
Washington DC

Council on Foreign Relations
Life Member
February 2020 - February 2022 (2 years 1 month)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

German Marshall Fund of the United States
7 years 2 months
Senior Fellow & Director, Congressional Affairs
March 2016 - February 2022 (6 years)
Washington, District Of Columbia

Senior Resident Fellow, Transatlantic Leadership Initiatives
January 2015 - February 2022 (7 years 2 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Ms. Lewis served as a senior resident fellow at GMF, where she focused her on leadership development curriculum, outreach, and thought pieces on strategies to strengthen the next generation of transatlantic leaders.

U.S. Department of State

S/Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs

May 2010 - May 2013 (3 years 1 month)

Ms. Lewis was the S/Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of State by Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton in January 2010. Ms. Lewis led the office that was charged with building strategic peer-to-peer relationships between the U.S. Department of State, state and local officials and their foreign counterparts. She served as the Department's lead interlocutor in negotiating and executing the first ever agreements to solidify subnational cooperation and engagement efforts with BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries and with targeted countries in Asia, the Western Hemisphere, Africa, the Caribbean, and the European Union. In her post, Ms. Lewis led the engagement of U.S. state and local government leaders' integration and activities regarding RIO +20, COP-16, COP-17 and COP-18.

Obama-Biden Transition Committee

Business Liaison to the Private Sector

2010 - 2010 (less than a year)

Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP

Of Counsel

2007 - 2010 (3 years)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Vice President and Counselor to the President

2001 - 2004 (3 years)

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Shareholder

1997 - 2000 (3 years)

Executive Office of President William J. Clinton

2 years

Principal Staff Director for the Atlanta Olympics Organizing Committee

1993 - 1995 (2 years)

Special Assistant for Political Affairs
1993 - 1995 (2 years)

Education

Emory University School of Law
Doctor of Law (J.D.) · (1986 - 1989)

American University
Master of Science Administration of Justice (M.S.A.J), Administration of
Justice · (1976 - 1978)

The University of Georgia
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Political Science · (1971 - 1975)