

Raymond Seitz served as American Ambassador to the Court of St. James's from 1991 to 1994, at which time he resigned his post. Simultaneously, he resigned from the United States Foreign Service after a career of twenty-eight years.

Ambassador Seitz is currently a Contributing Editor at Conde Nast Publications and has written numerous articles for *Traveller* magazine and *House and Garden*. In 2004 he was named Writer of the Year by the Publishing Association of Great Britain. His book **Over Here**, published in 1998, was a national best-seller, and his series of radio essays for the BBC won wide audiences. Ambassador Seitz has reviewed many books for *The Sunday Telegraph*, *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Literary Review* and other publications.

Ambassador Seitz was non-executive Chairman of the Sun-Times Media Group in Chicago and has served several corporate boards in the United States, Britain and Hong Kong. He has also served as a trustee of the National Gallery in London and the Royal Academy. Ambassador Seitz is a Governor of the Ditchley Foundation.

From 1995 to 2003, Ambassador Seitz was Vice Chairman of the investment bank Lehman Brothers.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ambassador Seitz is a graduate of Yale University. After two years of teaching in Dallas, Texas, he joined the Foreign Service in 1966 with early assignments to Montreal, Nairobi, Bukavu (Congo) and London. In Washington, he was special assistant to Secretaries of State Kissinger, Vance, Muskie and Haig, and in 1981 he became Executive Assistant to Secretary George Shultz. He served as Minister at the London Embassy from 1984 to 1989, at which time President Bush named him Assistant Secretary of State for Europe. In 1991, the President nominated him as Ambassador to the United Kingdom, the first time a career diplomat had been appointed to that position.

Ambassador Seitz holds the Knight Commander's Cross from the Federal Republic of Germany. He was awarded the Churchill Medal in 1998 and the Royal Society Medal in 1999. He has received numerous honorary degrees. He was the first American to be awarded the Freedom of the City of London, and he is an Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple.

Ambassador Seitz now resides in New Hampshire.