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Harriet Cross U.K. Consul General in Boston has served as Second Secretary at the British Embassy in Morocco, and as First Secretary at the UK Mission to the UN in New York. She has also worked in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

She spent much time in Saudi Arabia. In her diplomatic career Harriet has served as Second Secretary at the British Embassy in Morocco, and as First Secretary at the UK Mission to the UN in New York. She has also worked in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London (covering EU relations, and human rights policy).

During her career Harriet has taken time out from diplomacy to work as an International Policy Advisor for the UK's National Crime Squad; and in the International Relations Department at the University of York.



David Alward Alward was appointed as Canada's Consul General to New England in May of 2015, and serves as Canada's representative in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. He was born in Beverly, Massachusetts.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the June 7, 1999, provincial election as the Progressive Conservative member for the electoral district of Woodstock. He was the chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. In addition, he was a member of the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance. He was reelected to the 57th Legislature on September 27, 2010, and took the oath of office to become the 32nd Premier of New Brunswick on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. In his role as Premier, he was President of the Executive Council and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and served as Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, for the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, for Citizens' Engagement, and for the Office of Government Review. He also served as Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee of Cabinet School of Law (J.D.).



Upendra Mishra Mr. Mishra serves as President and Executive Director of the India-New England Business Council and publisher of IndUS Business Journal and INDIA New England News. He's managing partner of The Mishra Group, a full-service marketing firm.

Prior to founding The Mishra Group in 1997, he worked as a reporter for the Boston Business Journal. He also served as bureau chief and division editor at the United Press International (UPI) for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean region. Prior to joining UPI, Mr. Mishra was a business reporter for The News, an English-language daily in Mexico City, Mexico. He is very active in promoting trade and investments between India and the United States and has organized numerous seminars, conferences and workshops on doing business with India.



Simon Leeming, Esq. He is a native of New Zealand and serves as its Honorary Consul to the New England states. Mr. Leeming has served as New Zealand's Honorary Consul to the six New England states since 2001. He hosts an annual hangi which has become legendary to New Zealand expatriates in the United States. In January 2014 he was named a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. He serves on a number of charitable boards related to New Zealand, including as chair of the US arm of Cure Kids (NZ).

Simon C. Leeming is a Director at Preti Flaherty, a regional New England law firm with offices in Boston, MA; New Hampshire, Maine, and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Leeming attended University College, Cardiff, Wales; Boston University, and Suffolk University Law School in Boston. He is admitted as a lawyer in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, and as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand.

