

## Biographies

### ROLAND E. ARNALL

Roland E. Arnall is the founder of Ameriquest Capital Corporation, a privately held financial services company headquartered in southern California and one of the nation's leading mortgage companies. In addition to founding Ameriquest, Arnall has built a diversified investment portfolio in companies that operate in a range of industries including technology, real estate, oil and gas exploration, and insurance. These business interests complement a career that is distinguished by years of dedication to philanthropic and community service pursuits. Arnall established Ameriquest Capital Corporation in 1979. He has built Ameriquest into one of the largest and most dynamic privately held companies in America. The company and its subsidiaries employ nearly 17,000 associates who operate more than 300 offices throughout the United States. Arnall served sixteen years as a trustee of the California State University System, the world's largest university system, and was a member of California's Education Task Force Committee. He is founding co-chairman and Trustee of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Museum of Tolerance. Arnall is a member of the International Advisory Council of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy.

### DANIEL AYALON

Daniel Ayalon was appointed Israel's Ambassador to the United States in July 2002. Before his appointment to Washington, Ayalon was the Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. From 1997–2001 he was the Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Ministers Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu, attending the summits at Sharm al-Shaykh, Wye Plantation and Camp David. From 1993–97 Ayalon was the Director of the Bureau of Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York and deputy chief of mission in Panama. Before entering Israel's Foreign Service, Ayalon was a senior finance executive in Israel's leading international trading company. He is a retired captain in the Armored Corps of the Israel Defense Forces. He is a graduate of Tel Aviv University and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Bowling Green, Ohio.

### AVISHAY BRAVERMAN

Avishay Braverman has served as President of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev since 1990. He was previously Senior Economist and Division Chief for the World Bank where he led research, policy work and project evaluation throughout South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Braverman has received honorary degrees and academic awards from several institutions for his work on economic development. In 1999 he won the Ben-Gurion Prize for distinguished national leadership in developing the Negev. He is a member of many international economic and educational associations including the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the Israeli-American High-Tech Commission and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Braverman received his B.A. from Tel Aviv University and his Ph.D. from Stanford University.

### RON BURKLE

Ron Burkle is Founder and Managing Partner of the Yucaipa Companies, a private investment firm based in California, which acquires large retail and distribution companies. Burkle is also a Board Member for Yahoo! and along with Mario Lemieux, holds a majority share of the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins. He serves on the boards of numerous organizations in the arts, education, and medicine. Burkle is Co-Chairman of the Burkle Center for International Relations at UCLA, Trustee of the J. Paul Getty Trust, Member of the Board of the Carter Center, Trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and Member of the Executive Board for the Medical Sciences at UCLA. He has been recognized by multiple nonprofit organizations for his philanthropy. Burkle is a member of the International Advisory Council of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy.

Biographies CONTINUED**SIR RONALD COHEN**

Sir Ronald Cohen is Chairman of The Portland Trust and Chairman of Bridges Community Ventures Ltd. He is Honorary President of the Community Development Finance Association. He is Chairman of the Social Investment Task Force. He was a founding partner in 1972 and Executive Chairman until July 2005 of Apax Partners Worldwide LLP. Sir Ronald is a member of the Executive Committee of The International Institute For Strategic Studies; a Trustee of The British Museum; a Vice Chairman of Ben Gurion University; a member of the Board of the Dean's Advisors at Harvard Business School and a member of the Harvard Business School European Advisory Board. He is a founder director and past Chairman of the British Venture Capital Association and a founder director of the European Venture Capital Association. A graduate of Oxford University, where he was President of the Oxford Union, he is an Honorary Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford and has an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, to which he was awarded a Henry Fellowship. Sir Ronald is a member of the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors of Oxford University.

**RICHARD JONES**

Richard Jones was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Israel on September 6, 2005. Before this appointment, Jones was the Secretary of State's Senior Advisor and Coordinator for Iraq Policy. A career foreign service officer, Jones served as U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait from September 2001–July 2004. Jones was also a Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government from September 2004–January 2005. From November 2003–June 2004 he served concurrently as Chief Policy Officer and Deputy Administrator for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad. Jones was also U.S. Ambassador to Kazakhstan from December 1998–July 2001 and U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon from February 1996–July 1998. Other previous postings include Director of the State Department's Office of Egyptian Affairs from 1993–95 and Director of its Division of Developed Country Trade from 1987–89. He was twice posted to the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and has served in Paris and Tunis. Jones has a B.Sc. with distinction from Harvey Mudd College, and a Masters and Ph.d. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**CONDOLEEZZA RICE**

Condoleezza Rice became the 66th Secretary of State on January 26, 2005. Before becoming Secretary of State, Rice served as the National Security Advisor during the first administration of President George W. Bush, one of the most critical periods in recent history. She served in government from 1989–1991 as Director, and then Senior Director, of Soviet and East European Affairs in the National Security Council, and as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Rice had a distinguished career at Stanford University, serving as the University's Provost from 1993–99, as Professor from 1993–99, as Associate Professor from 1987–1993, and as an Assistant Professor from 1981–87. Rice was also a Senior Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution from 1991–93 after leaving the National Security Council in March 1991. She holds a B.A. from the University of Denver, an M.A. from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver. An accomplished pianist, she is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has been awarded honorary doctorates from numerous universities.