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BIOGRAPHY



David E. Birenbaum is of counsel resident in Fried Frank's Washington, DC office. He joined the firm in 1963, and became a corporate partner in 1971. Upon his retirement as a partner in 2000, he became of counsel.

Mr. Birenbaum is the author of numerous publications on the United Nations, international law, trade, including:

- The UN Reform Agenda, A Global Agenda, Issues before the United Nations, 2010 2011 United Nations Association (2011)
- The UN and NATO: Twenty Years After, Cadernos Adenauer, no 2, 2009
- UN Reform, Progress, Prospects, and Priorities: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, October 2007

- Business Ventures in Eastern Europe and Russia: The Emerging Legal Framework for Foreign Investment, Prentice Hall Law & Business, 1992, a two-volume treatise
- “The Omnibus Trade Act of 1988: Trade Law Dialectics,” University of Pennsylvania/Journal of International Business Law, Fall 1989
- “Ventures in the China Trade,” Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business, Spring 1982
- “The Best Time?... Or the End of Time? It would Be Illusory To Say Its Future Is in Its Own Hands,” UN Chronicle, Nov. 4, 1999

Mr. Birenbaum lectured at the University of Pennsylvania Law School on international trade law, from 1987 to 1989, and in 1991, at Georgetown University Law Center, as an adjunct professor, on the laws of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union and at ESADE School of Law in Barcelona, Spain, of principles of American federalism in 2013. He has spoken widely on a range of topics, including at ESADE in 2012 on The Responsibility to Protect.

Professional Associations

Among Mr. Birenbaum’s contributions to public service are the following:

- US Ambassador to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform
- Senior Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Public member, US Delegation to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva
- Member of International Advisory Committee of the U.S. Institute of Peace
- Chairman of the Board and founder, Emergency Coalition for US Financial Support of the United Nations
- Member of the Board of Directors, Democracy Coalition Project
- Member of the Board of Directors, Conflict Management Group
- Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence
- Member of the Board and Executive Committee, Americans for Peace Now
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Freedom House
- Chair, American Bar Association Task Force on the United Nations Human Rights Commission
- Member, Council of International Law Section, ABA

Bar Admissions/Licensed Jurisdictions

District of Columbia; Connecticut; United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Practices & Industries

Corporate

Education

Harvard Law School, JD – 1962

Brown University, BA – 1959

- *cum laude*
- Phi Beta Kappa