

Foreign Policy Veteran James P. Rubin Returns to D.C. to Join Ballard Partners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Ballard Partners, a leading Florida-based lobbying firm, announces the addition of Former Assistant Secretary of State James P. Rubin to its fast-growing Washington team as a partner and senior counselor for international affairs.

"Our firm is positioned to expand on last year's dramatic growth in international business, and Jamie's presence in our Washington office alongside former Congressman Robert Wexler (D-FL) and Ambassador Otto Reich will help us continue to serve clients on both sides of the aisle," said Brian Ballard, president of Ballard Partners and recently named by *Politico* as one of Washington's 18 Power players. "Jamie's 33 years of international affairs experience makes him a tremendous asset to the team."

A seasoned foreign policy practitioner, professor, consultant and commentator, Rubin's notable accomplishments include serving as Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs under President Bill Clinton and Chief Spokesman for Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, as well as serving as a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York.

"I am genuinely excited to return to the United States and Washington for two reasons: one, because DC has always been my professional home and two, because of the chance to join Brian's team, which is made up of some of the best and most successful professionals in the business," said Rubin. "Helping others to work through complex foreign policy challenges is what I have been doing my entire professional life, so I am looking forward to crafting winning solutions that achieve our clients' policy goals."

The former diplomat and journalist honed his strategic communication and policy skills working on key presidential campaigns, advising Hillary Clinton in 2016 and 2008, and serving as senior advisor for national security for the Kerry/Edwards campaign in 2004 and director of foreign policy for Clinton/Gore in 1996.

Rubin also helped educate future generations as a visiting professor or visiting scholar at Oxford University's Rothermere American Institute, Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and the London School of Economics.

Holding a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in international affairs from Columbia University, Rubin will continue writing columns on world affairs as a contributing editor to *Politico*. He appears frequently on CNN, BBC, MSNBC and other international news outlets, and has written extensively for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The New Republic*, *Foreign Affairs* and *Newsweek*.

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