

Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York

Dear Friend:

The Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York
invites you to a

Luncheon with Ambassador Christoph Bubb, Consul General of Switzerland in New York

June 27, 2007, 12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

At the offices of Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw LLP
1675 Broadway (between 52nd and 53rd Streets), 21st Floor
New York, New York

Ambassador Bubb will speak about

The Current State of Swiss-American Relations: Political, Economic and Cultural

Ambassador Bubb intends to deliver his remarks for about 15-20 minutes and looks forward to a lively question and answer session and discussion.

RSVP by June 20 with the attached form. Seating is limited; first come, first served. The charge for the luncheon is \$30. (Please contact us if you're a student and this is prohibitive.)

Best regards,

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About the Speaker

Ambassador Christoph Bubb, born in 1952, graduated from the law school of the University of Zurich in 1976 and obtained an LL.M degree at the London School of Economics in 1978. After a clerkship at the Zurich District Court and acting as a research assistant at the department for international public law (Prof. Dietrich Schindler) at the law school of the University of Zurich, Mr. Bubb was admitted to the bar in 1981. In 1982, he entered the diplomatic service of Switzerland and was subsequently posted in Rome, Berne, Baghdad, Berlin, Bonn and Washington, before returning to Berne in 1999, where he was appointed Deputy Head of the Political Division I (Europe, Northern America) at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. In 2001, he was appointed Head of the International Law, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Division in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. In 2003, he was appointed Deputy Director for International Public Law and in 2007, Consul General of Switzerland in New York.

About the Swiss American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (SALA)

The idea of founding an association for Swiss American lawyers in New York was first launched by Raymond Loretan, the former Consul General of Switzerland in New York, during a luncheon for Swiss and US lawyers at the Consul General's residence in 2006. The initial response was overwhelmingly positive, indicating a desire of the legal community with a connection to Switzerland to have a forum to meet and exchange ideas.

On March 27, 2006, SALA was launched at an inaugural meeting at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP in New York that was attended by 25 lawyers – American and Swiss – practicing, studying or researching in the New York area. Prof. Walter Kaelin of the University of Berne, who is the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP), gave a fascinating overview of his (daunting) task and of the concrete steps he and his office have been able to take to improve the lot of 25 million IDP worldwide. A copy of Prof. Kaelin's Presentation is attached.

The assembly agreed by acclamation that future events would be held, for the time being, approximately every three months and that the association would stay informal so long as the activities do not require an incorporation. Currently, the undersigned maintain an email list with "members" of the association. Every lawyer or jurist with a Swiss connection practicing (at a firm or in-house), studying or researching in the New York area is invited to join our events. We will aim at keeping any event fees low.

SALA is an association for and by Swiss and U.S. lawyers who

- have regular contacts with Switzerland - whether through Swiss clients or employers or with Switzerland as a place of business or jurisdiction, and
- practice in the greater New York area
 - in private practice with US and international law firms
 - as in-house counsel with US branches or subsidiaries of Swiss companies
 - at not-for-profit organizations
 - at the diplomatic representations of Switzerland
 - at the UN

SALA also invites Swiss academics and LL.M. students at local universities.

SALA intends to give its members and supporters a forum to enable and promote

- exchanges of ideas regarding public and private Swiss, US, and international laws, rules, regulations and policies, affecting Swiss and American lawyers, their clients or their organizations, and
- collegial interaction and social opportunities.

We invite you to join us for our meetings and to participate with your own event (or other) ideas. Please circulate this invitation amongst your fellow Swiss American lawyers.

We look forward to seeing you on June 27!

Registration Form

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Luncheon fee \$30.

Please indicate if you are a vegetarian.
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Seating is limited. Registration will close when premises reach capacity.

Please send completed registration form, and a check for \$30 made out to Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, no later than **June 20, 2007** to:

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