

Ravi Batra

Ravi Batra is an American lawyer, businessman, political writer and philanthropist.

Mr. Batra received his legal and business education in New York. In 1976, he graduated *cum laude* from Pace University as Bachelor of Business Administration. In 1980, he earned his *Juris Doctor* degree from the Fordham University School of Law.

After teaching business law in New York, Mr. Batra founded a private boutique law firm that specializes in complex and high profile constitutional, sovereignty, torture, civil and criminal cases. As the principal of The Law Firm of Ravi Batra, he was involved in a number of landmark legal cases, including those with governments acting as defendants.

Since 2007, he chairs the National Advisory Council on South Asian Affairs, a foreign policy think tank, and interacts with the US Congress and the Department of State.

Mr. Batra provides advice and guidance to the Ukrainian aerospace industry, acting, since 2016, as Special Global Advisor to the rectors of the National Technical University of Ukraine and the National Aviation University of Ukraine and, since 2018, as Global Special Counsel to Antonov State Company, Ukrainian manufacturer of the world's largest planes.

Mr. Batra's business interests stretch from the patented waste – to – activated carbon technology and pollution prevention (Chairman and CEO, Greenstar Global Energy Corporation) to beverage production (Chairman and CEO, King Danylo of Galicia International Ltd).

Having served as Legal Advisor to the Permanent Missions of Honduras, India and Ukraine to the United Nations, and consulting several others, over the years Mr. Batra became increasingly involved in the diplomatic and political process at the United Nations and beyond. Insightful political commentary and analytical pieces in the US and foreign press have earned him high reputation in the UN diplomatic corps. Primary areas of his public intellectual interest include the matters of war and peace, international security and fight against terrorism, international conflict management, and sustainable energy. As a designated speaker, Mr. Batra regularly participates in brainstorming discussions at the United Nations and, at the personal invitation of national governments, attends high-level international conferences, including in Belarus, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.

Mr. Batra supported the Diwali Foundation USA, a charity created and led by his wife Ranju, in helping establish at the UN the tradition of the "Power of One" award. The award, already referred to as the "Oscars of Diplomacy", is annually bestowed upon exceptional UN ambassadors in recognition of their efforts to further the cause of world dialogue and honest peace.

With his unique personal mode of engagement with the UN diplomatic community and global political leaders coming to New York rivaled by none, Mr Batra is widely regarded at the UN as a committed stalwart of the 'bridge-building' school of thought and action in international diplomacy.

Mr. Batra is married with a daughter and a son. He works in New York City and lives in New Rochelle.

