

## **Eric Schwartz Biography**

Eric Schwartz has been the President of Refugees International since June 2017. Over the course of a 35-year career focused on humanitarianism and human rights, he has worked in two presidential administrations, in the U.S. Congress, at the United Nations, in the NGO community, and in academia. Between 2009 and 2011, he served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM). He was the senior human rights and humanitarian official at the National Security Council during the Clinton administration, managing humanitarian responses to crises in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. He served as the UN Secretary General's Deputy Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery after the 2004 Asian Tsunami; as Washington Director of Asia Watch (now the Asia Division of Human Rights Watch); and Staff Consultant to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs. Just prior to arriving at Refugees International, he served a six-year term as Dean of the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. During much of that period, he also served on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and, ultimately, as the Commission's vice chair. He holds a law degree from New York University School of Law, a Master of Public Affairs degree from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, and a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the State University of New York at Binghamton.