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Randolph M. Bell – United States
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Ambassador Bell led the US team that helped organize the London Conference on Nazi Gold in December 1997, negotiated the successful closeout of the postwar Tripartite Gold Commission, and also played an important role in establishing the $61-million Nazi Persecutee Relief Fund. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the German Foundation, “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”, and as an observer to the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims. He is currently on the board of the Virginia Holocaust Museum and a member of the International Council of Austrian Service Abroad. In 2004, Ambassador Bell received the Decoration for Services to the Republic of Austria from the Austrian Order of the Silver Star. From 2003-2009, Ambassador Bell was President of the World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond. He is a graduate of The College of William & Mary and of Cambridge University.

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Sophie van Bijsterveld graduated in law at the University of Utrecht in 1983. She received a doctorate in Law at Tilburg University in 1988. Currently, she is professor of religion, state and society at the School of Humanities. She has published extensively in the fields of (international) human rights protection, religious liberty, constitutional law, and hybrid governance. Her books include: Overheid en godsdienst. Herijking van een onderlinge relatie [State and Religion: Regauging a Mutual Relationship], Second Edition (2009); The Empty Throne: Democracy and the Rule of Law in Transition (2002) on the future of democracy and the rule of law and Godsdienstvrijheid in Europees perspectief [Religious liberty in European Perspective] (1998). Former professional activities include membership of the Council for Public Administration [Raad voor het openbaar bestuur] a statutory advisory body of the government and parliament. At the international level, Sophie was member of the Advisory Council of Freedom of Religion or Belief of ODIHR/OSCE. As of June 2007, Sophie is member of the Dutch Upper House of Parliament [Eerste Kamer der Staten-Generaal] for the Christian Democratic Party (CDA). She is also a Member of the Board of the Scientific Institute of the Christian Democratic Party in the Netherlands.

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Elected in 2005 and 2009, William T. “Bill” Bolling is the 39th and current Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He also currently serves in Governor Bob McDonnell’s cabinet as the Chief Jobs Creation Officer. Raised in the coal fields of southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia, Mr. Bolling was the first member of his family to graduate from college, earning a Bachelors degree in political science from the University of Charleston in 1978. He worked in the insurance industry, becoming a Vice President with Riggs, Counselman, Michaels and Downes, a large independent insurance agency. Mr. Bolling first ran for elected office in 1991, when he was elected to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, serving as member and then Chairman of the Board until 1995, when he was elected to the Senate of Virginia. He was re-elected in 1999 and 2003. As lieutenant governor, Mr. Bolling has promoted multiple programs focusing on encouraging a healthy and active life, including raising awareness about cervical cancer, HPV, and asthma. He put forth a statewide initiative, the 2-year “100 Ideas for the Future of Virginia” focusing on reaching out to the public for feedback and ideas through a series of town hall meetings, mailings, and an integrated web site, with the aim of developing a long-term strategy for addressing issues such as education, transportation, public safety, health care, protecting the environment, and reforming government.
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Silvio Ferrari, founder and honorary lifetime president of ICLARS (International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies), was visiting professor at the University of California (Berkeley, 1994 and 2001), the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (London, 1998-99) and the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Paris, Sorbonne, 2004), the University of Leuven (2000-2012). He founded, together with other professors, the European Consortium for Church and State Research. His publications in English include Law, Religion, Constitution: Freedom of Religion, Equal Treatment, and the Law, Ashgate 2013 (ed. with W. Cole Durham, Jr., Cristiana Cianitto, and Donlu Thayer); Religion in Public Spaces, Ashgate 2012 (ed. with S. Pastorelli); Law and Religion in the 21st Century, Ashgate 2010 (ed. with R. Cristofori); Law and Religion in Post-Communist Europe, Leuven, Peeters, 2003 (ed. with W. Cole Durham, Jr. and E. A. Sewell), Islam and European Legal Systems, Dartmouth, Ashgate, 2000 (ed. with A. Bradney). Professor Ferrari’s main fields of interest are law and religion in Europe, comparative law of religions (particularly Jewish law, Canon law, and Islamic law) and the Vatican policy in the Middle East. He is a member of the Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the OSCE-ODIHR, and member of the International Academy of Comparative Law. He is also one of the editors-in-chief of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion and member of the Editorial Board of the Ecclesiastical Law Journal (Cambridge University Press). In 2012 Professor Ferrari was invited to deliver the Messenger Lectures at Cornell University, and he has received the Distinguished Service Award of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies of the J. Reuben Clark Law School (Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah).
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For some 20 years he has been the editor of Judge John Noonan’s 1985 collection of materials, now called Religious Freedom: History, Cases and Other Materials on the Interrelationship between Government and Religion (Foundation Press, 3rd edition, 2011). In 2012 he co-authored with Ambassador Douglas Kmiec of Pepperdine University and Doctor Patrick Whelan of Harvard Medical School a case study of the relationship between religion and politics in the United States. In 2013—the seventeen-hundredth anniversary of the so-called “Edict of Milan”—Professor Gaffney contributed the article on the “American Reception of Constantine” in the new three-volume Encyclopaedia Flavius Valerius Constantinus, edited by Alberto Melloni of the Pope John XXIII Centre at the Faculty of Law in the University of Bologna (to be launched in June of 2013). He is now editing a volume entitled Embers under the Ashes: Hope for Renewal and Reform of the Catholic Church Fifty Years After Vatican II? and is also editing a set of materials for use in law schools and in theology and religious studies departments, entitled War and Peace: History, Moral Reasoning, and International Law on the Use and Abuse of Force.

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Merilin has also written on general issues of international law and human rights. She joined a team of scholars at the University of Tartu in publishing a textbook on international law and a book on legal drafting and the rule of law. She has edited a bench book for judges in Estonia. She has been advising Estonian government institutions on issues of law and religion and international law.

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