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## **Editorial Review**

### Review

#### *Kirkus Reviews:*

"Well-written and lively, offering an engaging way to learn about the sometimes perplexing world of foreign consulates."

... of interest to a broader audience because it is so enjoyable to read...

Hofstadter writes with a great deal of polish and good humor in a style that is informal yet authoritative. She is particularly adept at creating engaging chapter openings through her use of anecdotes that often demonstrate various blunders caused largely by people who haven't a clue how to interact with consuls or how to make the best use of their services...."

"What a wonderful gem. ... added it to our collection of reference books."

Bob Ward

Clerk of the House

Florida House of Representatives

"... a long-overdue resource for all leaders with a global perspective who don't know what an asset the foreign consuls are in our country."

Katherine Tunheim, Ph.D.

2015 Businesswomen International Leadership Adventure

"... an essential look at the crucial relationships between diplomats and their local communities..."

--John F. Stack, Jr., Ph.D.

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### From the Author

As a former consul myself, and as secretary of the local consular corps, I discovered early in my work how civic, business, and educational leaders were eagerly looking for information on how to deal with the consuls among them. Each may have had a different motive but all of them were united in their effort to understand such matters as titles (why is someone a consul general and not a consul?), functions (can a vice consul help me with a business lead in his country?), the meaning of the two universal classifications (can an honorary consul be as useful as a career consul?), etc.

As a life-long writer and an inveterate record-keeper, I collected notes from real-live experiences for more than twenty-five years and these, along with my academic studies of consuls, resulted in this book. Throughout my years as an honorary consul, and even afterwards, I've frequently been consulted on all matters relating to what it really *means* when someone is a foreign consul in the U.S.

This book is my gift to old and new inquirers.

### From the Inside Flap

The United States is host to almost 3,000 consuls who represent more than 130 foreign nations across the fifty states. This edition of the manual affirms the long-standing need for an easy-to-read primer on how these officials, as natural bridges to globalism, will add much-overlooked value in the communities where they function when we fully understand their role.

This edition, with its three added chapters, is essential for:

- All communities where there are career or honorary consuls
- Corporate executives and commercial interest groups
- Colleges and universities with an international dimension
- Organizations seeking the benefits of a consular network
- Career and honorary consuls with a stake in being recognized for their official position

The first edition was the October, 2013 *Goodreads* pick in its genre.

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