

Desko Nikitovic



Desko Nikitovic, Executive Chairman of East Point Metals Ltd, was born in Arilje, Serbia on November 11, 1960. He received his law degree from the University of Belgrade in 1989. From 1987 to 1990, Mr. Nikitovic was an active member of the “opposition movement” advocating democracy in Serbia. He immigrated to the United States in 1990 and has lived in Chicago for the past 30 years.

As a representative of Serbian diaspora in the United States, Mr. Nikitovic made numerous appearances on US national and local television and radio programs, promoting democratic changes in Yugoslavia. He served as President of the Serbian Unity Congress in Chicago, from 1998-2002.

In January of 2003, Nikitovic was appointed Consul General of Serbia in Chicago.

During his tenure as Consul General, Mr. Nikitovic pursued strong economic ties with the United States. He secured the prominent “Sister City” relationship between the Serbian Capitol Belgrade and the City of Chicago.

Moreover, Nikitovic initiated the “Sister States” agreement between the State of Illinois and the Republic of Serbia; the agreement between the airports O’Hare International and Airport Nikola Tesla in Belgrade and started the program of Sister Schools among Belgrade and Chicago elementary schools. His work as Consul General reflected his advocacy for economic, educational and cultural ties between the US and Serbia.

Mr. Nikitovic served as a Vice-Dean of the Consular Corps in Chicago from 2007-2013. He had been active in a number of Chicago civic organizations including the Serbian Bar Association of America, the Union League Club, Executives Club and the Economic Club of Chicago. Nikitovic is a frequent guest speaker at various universities and other educational forums on issues regarding Serbia and the former Yugoslavia. He is currently the Chairman of Chicago – Belgrade Sister City Committee and a Board member of The Florentine Opera in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In October of 2013, Patriarch of Serbian Orthodox Church awarded Mr. Nikitovic with the Czar Constantine Award. On May 7, 2016, he received a Major Felman Merit Award from The Serbian American Bar Association.

After serving for 11 years as the Consul General of Serbia in Chicago Mr. Nikitovic, completed his diplomatic career in September of 2013 in pursuit of opportunities in the private sector.

Nikitovic formed Capital Link International, an International business consulting company in Chicago. In February of 2014 he began consulting for Darby Overseas, a US Private Equity fund, as an Executive Director for East Point Holding; a Cypress based International Company operating in Serbia.

In August of 2015 he became majority shareholder in East Point Metals Ltd, a parent Company of Sevojno Copper Mill, and assumed the role of Executive Chairman. Nikitovic is also the President of the Supervisory Board of Sevojno Copper Mill company, with an annual revenue close to 200 million dollars. As dual citizen of Serbia and the United States, he shares his time between Belgrade and Chicago and helps many charitable causes in both Countries.