

Charles H. Rivkin

Charles H. Rivkin was nominated the Ambassador of the United States of America to France on June 1, 2009 by President Obama and was sworn into office on August 3, 2009.

Charles Rivkin recently served as the President and CEO of Wildbrain, an award-winning entertainment company, from 2005-2009. Prior to joining Wildbrain, Mr. Rivkin worked for the Jim Henson Company. He served as the President and Chief Executive Officer from 2000-2003 and as the President and Chief Operating Officer from 1995-2000. Mr. Rivkin was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 1994-1995, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 1991-1994, Vice President from 1990-1991, and Director of Planning from 1988-1990. Mr. Rivkin served on the Jim Henson Company's Board of Directors from 1990-2005. Other work experiences include serving as a financial analyst with Salomon Brothers from 1984-1986 and internships with Renault and Columbia Pictures.

Mr. Rivkin was recently involved with a number of outside organizations including: Member, Pacific Council on International Policy, since 2007; Member, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Business Executives for National Security, 2008-2009; Member, Young Presidents' Organization, 1996-2009; Chairman, Bel-Air, 2004-2005; Director, Save the Children, 1997-2003; Director, Chrysalis-Changing Lives through Jobs, 1996-2002. Mr. Rivkin is the recipient of an award from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts for the Best International Children's Television Show and is also a recipient of the Spirit of Chrysalis Award.

Since 1968, Mr. Rivkin and his family have presented the U.S. State Department's "Rivkin Award," honoring "intellectual courage and constructive dissent" in the American Foreign Service. Mr. Rivkin received his M.B.A. from Harvard University and his B.A. in political science *with distinction* in international relations from Yale College.