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Ambassador Lee Feinstein is President of McLarty Associates, an Ankura Company, and has been a member of the Europe and Eurasia practice since 2013.

During a 30-year career in foreign policy, Amb. Feinstein has held several senior positions in the Department of State and Defense, and on the presidential campaigns of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, including as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland from 2009 to 2012, as Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. State Department's Policy Planning Staff, and as senior advisor in the office of the Secretary of Defense. He has worked as a policy scholar at the nation's leading think tanks, including as Deputy Director of Studies and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

As U.S. Ambassador to Poland, Feinstein negotiated the first continuous presence of U.S. forces on Polish soil. He was awarded the Commanders Cross with Order of the Star of Merit by the Polish President. During his tenure, Amb. Feinstein partnered with the Polish government to support the diversification and secure sources of sustainable energy. He also advanced joint efforts to promote democracy in the region.

Prior to assuming the role of President of McLarty, Amb. Feinstein served as founding Dean of Indiana University's Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies from 2014 to 2022. As one of the nation's five largest schools for global affairs, Amb. Feinstein established its standing as a national leader in the study of international affairs and strategic languages and cultures that shape the world. He launched the nationally recognized annual conference on America's Role in the World in 2015, and a new series on Race, Gender and Power in 2020. He was awarded the University Bicentennial Medal in 2020 and the Provost's Medal for distinguished service to the university.

President Obama appointed Amb. Feinstein to the board of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, a position he held through January 2021. He currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Conscience at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for the Prevention of Genocide. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a trustee of Vassar College, and a board member of The International Center in Indianapolis.

Amb. Feinstein earned a JD from Georgetown University, an MA in Political Science from the City University of New York, and an AB from Vassar College.