

Dr. Richard C Demeritte a Chartered Accountant by profession was appointed Auditor General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas in February 1980. In 1984, he was appointed High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and later on as The Bahamas' first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany; the Republic of France; and the European Economic Community. As a diplomat his leadership qualities, social grace, tact and international contacts were notable and created the unique opportunity for him in his professional life. Simultaneously his Foreign Service experience made him a perfect role model in the diplomatic circle.

While in Great Britain, in addition to his ambassadorial appointments, he was invited to serve on the Council of the Association of International Accountants UK. This was a unique accomplishment, as his professional studies and certification was undertaken under the AIA.

He was elected and served as the first non-British President of the Association on November 1st. 1985 for a three-year term. He simultaneously served as Chairman of the Council during this period and continued to sit as a member of Council of the AIA from 1984 to 2014. He returned to The Bahamas in 1988 to resume the position of Auditor General and retired from the public service in July 1996 and established his accounting firm, MGI Richard C. Demeritte & Co. Chartered Accountants & Management Consultants.

Dr. Richard C Demeritte also served as President of several professional and civic organizations, including The Bahamas Red Cross Society Grand Bahama, The Young Men Christian Association "YMCA", Grand Bahama, Toastmasters International Club 1425/47, The Certified General Accountants Associations (Bahamas), The Bahamas Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation and Commissioner - Bahamas Boxing Commission. He also served on the Council and as Vice President, Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts - London, Fellow Certified General Accountants Association Canada, Fellow Association of International Accountants UK, and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He was awarded a PhD in Public Sector Accounting during 2003.

He presently serves as Chairman of the Bank of The Bahamas, Chairman of The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation, Chairman of The International Third World Leaders Association and Chairman, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators CI Arb (Bahamas Branch).

Dr. Demeritte was recently awarded an "Honorary Life Fellowship" by the Association of International Accountants for thirty continuous years of distinguished service to the Association and the accounting profession.

Dr. Demeritte is an accomplished author and recently published his autobiography, "The Consummate Diplomat". This book chronicles his varied and extensive life experience.

Dr. Richard Demeritte is married to Ruth Demeritte (nee Smith). They are the proud parents of two daughters (Indira Francis and Tina Roye) both attorneys - at - law and one son (Richard "Ricky" Demeritte - deceased). He is the grandfather of six children