



Kevin Whitaker
U.S. Ambassador to Colombia
Department of State

Kevin Whitaker was confirmed by the Senate April 1, and sworn in on April 28, 2014 as U.S. Ambassador to Colombia. Prior to this appointment, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South America in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service.

Ambassador Whitaker has served in the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, where he was Deputy Chief of Mission (2005-07). In addition, he previously served in a number of positions at the Department of State. In 2005, he won the Secretary's Award for Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy.

A native of Virginia, Ambassador Whitaker received his degree from the University of Virginia. He is married to Elizabeth Whitaker, a former member of the Senior Foreign Service.