

## **Biography of MR. MAXIMILIAN N. TELEKI**

Maximilian N. Teleki has been President of the Hungarian American Coalition (Coalition) since December 2004. Previously, he was a member of the Coalition for 12 years, a Board Member for five years, and a member of the Executive Committee for four years.

Mr. Teleki holds a BA from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations and Economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. Since 2000, Mr. Teleki has been Adjunct Professor at the Catholic University of America, teaching courses on Media and International Relations and Comparative World Politics.

Mr. Teleki also has 20 years of broad business experience. In 2000 he formed The Max-McClaren Financial Group (MMFG) to pursue real estate investment opportunities. MMFG acquires and develops real estate and provides advisory services.

Since October of 2007, Mr. Teleki has been advising and participating in the development of a specialized private equity fund -- The Danube Fund, headquartered in Budapest. Along with General Partners: former Governor, George Pataki; former Ambassador to Hungary, George H. Walker III; General Manager, Mr. Krisztian Orban; and other individuals and institutional investors, this small, targeted private equity fund (PEF) seeks to invest in medium size businesses in Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania.

He is a member CEI's International Board of Directors. Constellation Energy Institute is an organization that fosters cooperation on energy security issues in Central Eastern Europe by working closely with Corporate and political Decision-Makers.

Mr. Teleki is also a Board Member of the International Center for Democratic Transition (ICDT). This non-partisan, international organization collects experiences from past democratic transitions and shares it with those who are determined to follow that path. He finds himself in the company of a distinguished group of Fellow Directors, many of who are former heads of State, foreign ministers, ambassadors, academics, and corporate leaders.

He was a Graduate Intern at the White House, having received an award from the Hungarian American Coalition as their 1<sup>st</sup> "White House Intern" in 1995 while in Graduate School.

He is a native of Northern California, but has lived in the Washington, D.C. region for 20 years. Mr. Teleki also lived in South America and Europe for many of his formative years. He is married to Wendy Teleki, an Investment Banker. They have a 5 year-old son, Tibor, and 4-year-old twin daughters, Ava and Naoma.

Mr. Teleki travels extensively to Central Europe and particularly to Hungary both in his capacity as the Coalition's President, a businessman, and as a passionate Hungarian American. He is true to the traditions of his name: Teleki - an ancestral Transylvanian family which has served Hungary over hundreds of years in various public capacities.