

James Koloditch

Mr. Koloditch has been a Commercial Officer for 20 years. He is now serving his seventh tour in USCS as Counselor for Commercial Affairs/Regional Senior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He also manages the USCS office in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Before his posting to Buenos Aires, Mr. Koloditch served in Washington DC as the Regional Director for Europe, overseeing operations in 28 countries. His responsibilities included administration, policy, budget, and liaison with USDOC and other USG officials.

His most recent overseas posting was in Caracas, Venezuela, where he navigated through one of the most complicated commercial and political situations in the world, balancing export promotion with realistic advice about doing business in Venezuela and counseling exporters on trade payments and regulations.

Prior to Caracas, Mr. Koloditch served as Deputy Senior Commercial Officer/Counselor for Commercial Affairs in Paris; Commercial Counselor/ Senior Commercial Officer in Oslo, Norway; Deputy Senior Commercial Officer in Santiago, Chile; and Director of Market Research in Mexico City.

Mr. Koloditch enjoyed a successful career as an international banker before joining the Commercial Service in 1993. During employment with two banks, he performed a wide variety of international banking tasks: international corporate credit and country risk analysis; restructuring of large corporate loans while stationed in Mexico City during the 1980s debt crisis; and supervision of one bank's international correspondent bank network. As a trade finance officer, he provided financial and export counseling to businesses of all sizes.

Mr. Koloditch holds the MBA from Louisiana State University, the M.A. in Latin American Studies from the George Washington University, and the B.A. in Spanish from Davidson College.