

US names former Ronald Reagan lawyer as new ambassador to Australia

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US President Donald Trump nominated Arthur Culvahouse Jr as the next ambassador to Australia. Source: O'Melveny law firm

A former legal adviser to Ronald Reagan has been nominated as the next United States ambassador to Australia - a post that has been vacant for more than two years.

US President Donald Trump has nominated distinguished lawyer Arthur Culvahouse Jr to fill the post vacated by John Berry in September 2016.

A White House statement issued on Tuesday said 70-year-old Mr Culvahouse, from Tennessee, is currently chair emeritus to O'Melveny & Myers, an international law firm.

He previously served as counsel to President Ronald Reagan and has been on a range of boards and commissions.

President Trump hired Mr Culvahouse to vet his election running mate.

It was confirmed in April that Admiral Harry Harris, who was initially earmarked to take on the ambassador role in Canberra, was to instead be posted as US envoy to South Korea.