

## **U.S. Ambassador and Star**

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U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Howard Gutman is unusual, to say the least. In the U.S., he participated in numerous radio and TV talks shows, often being the guest of *Fox News* during the Presidential campaign.

He has also played in several episodes of the K Street series on HBO, playing the role of a Washington lawyer, and he also had a role in several movies, playing Tim Robbins' lawyer in *Noise* and the dad of a high school kid in the 2009 version of *Fame*.

The star was in Dinant yesterday, escorted by a security detail like in the movie *Bodyguard* and which meticulously inspected the courtyard of the City Hall, checking each single vehicle. Having been appointed last year, the Ambassador and his wife have decided to take their mission particularly seriously. They have to date already officially visited 150 cities in Belgium. Howard Gutman immediately talked about the Bouvignes museum of middle-age history, which he already visited in a private capacity. The Ambassador also asked questions about the size of the population of Dinant and about the city's history. A visit to the cliff in Freyr, to the abbey in Leffe, and a boat tour on the Meuse river were also on the program.