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Michael Thurston most recently served in Afghanistan, where he was the Political Advisor and Senior Civilian Representative to the Special Operations Joint Task Force, the largest single combat command with countrywide responsibility. His assignment required close coordination within the USG interagency, with host government ministries, NATO civilian and military leadership, and regular contact with the international community.

Prior to his service in Afghanistan, he led the U.S. Embassy in Burma as the Charge d'Affaires (2011 to 2012). As the chief of mission, he welcomed then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on her visit to Burma, the first by a Secretary of State since John Foster Dulles in 1955.

He has also served as the Consul General in Melbourne, Australia (2008-2011), and before that he was the Team Leader of the Diyala Province, Iraq, Embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team (2007-2008). He and his team helped improve local democratic institutions and economic conditions throughout Diyala Province.

He also had assignments as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Kigali, Rwanda (2005-2007), and as Consul General in Durban, South Africa (2002-2005). In both of those postings he worked closely with U.S. development programs that saw significant improvement in HIV/AIDS healthcare delivery. He has also served in Auckland, New Zealand; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Mexico City. He has held Washington assignments as a Staff Assistant to an Assistant Secretary and as an analyst in the Office of Strategic Proliferation Affairs.

Mr. Thurston is a graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle with a BA in philosophy and a JD from the University Of Washington School Of Law. He worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Seattle before joining the Foreign Service in 1988.

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