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### About Timothy

Timothy A. Lenderking provides clients with strategic advice on international affairs, Middle East and South Asia geopolitics, and government relations from the firm's Washington DC office. He brings extensive diplomatic and foreign policy experience advising US policymakers and international stakeholders on a wide range of complex geopolitical, regulatory and economic issues. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, he has held senior roles across the Middle East and South Asia, including as the first US special envoy for Yemen, in addition to postings in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco, Lebanon, Syria and Bangladesh. Drawing on more than three decades of diplomatic experience, deep regional perspective and an extensive global network, he helps organizations assess complex geopolitical environments, mitigate risk and shape policy outcomes.

During a distinguished career with the US Department of State, Timothy served most recently as the acting assistant secretary for Near East affairs and as deputy assistant secretary of state for Arabian Peninsula affairs.

His additional leadership roles included serving as deputy chief of mission and acting ambassador at the US Embassy in Riyadh. In Baghdad, he served both as senior democracy advisor at the US Embassy and as a policy advisor to the commander of US ground forces. His Washington DC-based assignments included director of the Pakistan office, special assistant to the undersecretary for political affairs and other policy roles focused on regional strategy and crisis response.

Timothy's efforts were instrumental in achieving a truce in the Yemen civil war in 2022, in ending the Gulf rift with Qatar in 2020 and in releasing the last Moroccan prisoners of war in the Western Sahara conflict in 2006.

Before joining the US Foreign Service, Timothy built early experience in humanitarian and refugee affairs, working with US nongovernmental organizations and the UN in locations spanning Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. This foundation informed his later diplomatic work on conflict resolution, displacement and humanitarian assistance.

### Credentials

### Education

- University of Washington, M.A., 1989
- Wesleyan University, B.A. (Hons), 1985

## Recognitions

- Presidential Merit Award
- US Department of State – nine Superior Honor Awards
- Department of the Army – Meritorious Civilian Service Award

## Expertise

### Services

- Public Policy

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