



William T. Monroe

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William T. Monroe assumed his duties as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to the OECD in May, 2009. Prior to his arrival at the Mission, Mr. Monroe served as Director of the Senior Level Division of the Office of Career Development and Assignments in the Bureau of Human Resources at the Department of State. Previously, he served as United States Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain from August 2004 to August 2007. Prior to that, Mr. Monroe served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassies in Islamabad and Kuwait.

A career economic officer, Mr. Monroe joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1978 and has served in a variety of positions at U.S. Embassies in the Middle East and Asia, including Egypt, Iraq, Burma, Oman, China, Singapore, Kuwait, Pakistan, and Bahrain. While Ambassador to Bahrain, he received the Department of State's Cordell Hull Award for Economic Achievement by Senior Officers for his work in helping ratify, implement, and promote the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement. Prior to joining the Department of State, Mr. Monroe worked for three years as an International Trade Specialist at the Department of Commerce. He undertook long-term Arabic language training in Tunis and Chinese in Taipei.

Mr. Monroe received his B.A. in history from Stanford University and his M.A. in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Mr. Monroe is married to the former Benedicte du Cheyron d'Abzac and has three children: Adrian (22), Stephen (20), and Tiphaine (16).