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Scott Mastic is Vice President for Programs at the International Republican Institute. His interests include resilience in conflict and post-conflict environments, countering hostile foreign state and non-state actors, cutting-edge approaches to improving participatory governance and supporting democratic values.

Mastic joined IRI in 1998 and previously served as IRI's Director for the Middle East and North Africa region where he led political party building, elections support, civil society strengthening and democratic governance programs. His approach to democratic development prioritizes partnerships with local organizations and approaches that utilize technology and promote transparency and government accountability. He also played a key role in groundbreaking public opinion polling conducted in Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Tunisia, Pakistan, Syria and the West Bank/Gaza.

Mastic led IRI's election observation missions for Tunisia's historic presidential and parliamentary elections held in 2014. He has also been an election observer on missions to Afghanistan, Egypt, Honduras, Jordan, Macedonia, Pakistan, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and the West Bank/Gaza.

In addition to testifying before Congress, he has participated in transatlantic dialogues with the European People's Party **Center for European Studies** and the **European Ideas Network**. He has spoken at the Brookings Institution and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on the Arab Spring, and has appeared on PBS' Newshour, CNN, Fox News, National Public Radio and has written on the **Washington Institute for Near East Policy**'s Fikra Forum.

Prior to joining IRI, Mastic worked in the State Legislature of Ohio first as an aide to State Representative Pat Tiberi and later serving the chairs of the Ohio Senate Finance and Economic Development committees.

Mastic holds a master's degree from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University. He also attended the American University in Cairo and Middlebury College's intensive Arabic language program.

His hobbies include watching The Ohio State Buckeyes and rooting for all Cleveland sports teams.