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Daniel J. Lawton is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Central Europe and Southern Europe in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with over 30 years of diplomatic experience. From May 2022 to August 2025, he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge' d'Affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw. Previously, Lawton led the Ukraine Task Force and served three years as the Director of the Office of Central European Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

Lawton led the American Consulate General in Belfast, Northern Ireland, from 2015 to 2018. Before Belfast, he was the Deputy Director and long-term Acting Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. In addition, Lawton served in the American embassies in Greece, Venezuela, Denmark, Peru, and Mexico. He also served at the American Consulate General in Karachi, Pakistan, as well as in State Department desk officer positions in Washington.

Lawton earned a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in International Relations from Brown University and Syracuse University, respectively. He and his wife hail from Syracuse, New York. They have two adult children.