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Ms. Angela Conway, an attorney with over 17 years of experience in international development, is the founder and Director of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Division at the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative. She has worked on rule of law and legal development initiatives in 27 countries. Her areas of focus have included judicial system development, strengthening the legal profession, legal education reform, anti-corruption, women and the law, access to justice, civil society strengthening, public legal education, and commercial law reform. Ms. Conway has also led or contributed to assessments of legal systems and legal development needs throughout the Middle East and North Africa and Eastern Europe.

The MENA Division currently maintains offices and supports legal system development in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar, and Turkey and also works in the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Syria, and Tunisia. Since its establishment in 2003, the division has supported the establishment and development of a national judicial training institutes; supported the introduction of alternative dispute resolution into court systems; established university-affiliated legal clinics; assisted universities with comprehensive upgrading of colleges of law; supported development of professional education programs for lawyers; assisted the establishment of legal aid centers; built capacity of civil society organizations to engage in legal reform, and supported the creation of two regional organizations, the Arab Council for Judicial and Legal Studies and the Arab Women's Legal Network.

Prior to establishing the MENA Division, Ms. Conway served as the ABA ROLI Program Director for Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovakia and as Director of Research and Special Projects.

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