

Mike Byrne

Mr. Byrne worked at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), assigned to the White House (2001-2003) as Senior Director for Preparedness, Response and Recovery for the Department of Homeland Security; He also served as Division Director for Response and Recovery for FEMA Region 2 (covering New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), during which time, as Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer for Operations (1999-2001), he directed recovery operations in response to the 9/11 attacks. He also served with FEMA as a National Incident Management Assistance Team Leader (2010-2013); and more recently again as Deputy Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 2 (Sept. 2015-Oct. 2016) and Assistant Administrator for Field Operations (Oct. 2016-July 2018). In these positions, FEMA would generally call on Mr. Byrne to coordinate the response in difficult and complicated situations. Beginning in October 2017, Mr. Byrne was appointed Federal Coordinating Officer (“FCO”) for FEMA’s response to Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, which position he held until April 2019. In that capacity he was deployed to Puerto Rico for approximately a year, and then for the next six months divided his time between Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which was also recovering from those two storms. As FCO in Puerto Rico, he was responsible for coordinating FEMA’s disaster and recovery response.