

## **Mark Merritt**

From 1993 to 2001 Mr. Merritt held several positions at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), including Deputy Chief of Staff, Team Leader of the Eastern Territorial Closeout Team, and Team Leader of the Chief Financial Officer’s Field Support Team. Mr. Merritt served in numerous assignments relating to hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Mr. Merritt left FEMA in 2001 to be a Co-Founder of James Lee Witt Associates (“JLWA”). Mr. Witt, who also co-founded JLWA, was the Director of FEMA during the Clinton Administration. At JLWA Mr. Merritt provided services to state and local governments in response to numerous disasters, including to the State of Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Merritt was responsible for all disaster recovery operations at JLWA until 2013, when the firm completed a merger and was re-named Witt O’Brien’s. He left Witt O’Brien’s in 2015 to found DCMC Partners and has been working in crisis management and disaster recovery for nearly 30 years.