



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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Mr. James Bland is a business owner and private equity investor. Partner at NextGen Growth Partners; Trustee for the Village of Glenview, Illinois; Former Partner of HCP & Company; Director, Door and Window Guard Systems, Inc.; Former Director of NYX Cosmetics; Former Director of Envy Medical; Former Director of MIAT College of Technology; Former Director of Taylor College of Nursing.

EDUCATION

BS, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY; MBA (Finance) with Distinction, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Bland served on active duty as a Commissioned Officer with the U.S. Army from 1997 to 1999 with the 4th Infantry Division, 2/20th Field Artillery (MLRS) where he helped to field a new battery in the Army's first fully digitized (Force XXI) division. From 1999 to 2005, Mr. Bland held staff positions in the Illinois and Colorado National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. He was also selected to serve in U.S. Army Space Command. He resigned his commission as a Captain.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: Trustee for West Point Association of Graduates Board of Trustees, Class Advisor for West Point Association of Graduates, Advisor-at Large for West Point Association of Graduates, Service Academy Selection Committees for Senator Wayne Allard and Congresswoman Judy Biggert, Liaison Volunteer West Point Admissions, and West Point Society of Chicago. Named to Notable Veteran Executives list by Crain's Chicago Business.

CIVIC: Commissioner of City of Chicago's Community Development Commission; Commissioner Affordable Housing Commission of Georgetown, Texas; Treasurer, University of Chicago Private Equity Network; Member, University of Chicago Distinguished Graduate Committee and Judge for Entrepreneurship through Acquisition and Venture Capital Investment Competition; Entrepreneurship Instructor for Glenbrook North High School; Mentor for Boys Hope/Girls Hope; and Court Appointed Special Advocate for DuPage County.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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