

Mark Drennen, Board Member

Mark serves as Senior Vice President of Cornerstone Government Affairs. He leads the firm's operations in the State of Louisiana, managing the Baton Rouge Office and providing state government relations and business consulting services to a broad and diverse set of clients. Cornerstone is headquartered in Washington, DC and has offices in six states.

Mark's experience includes serving eight years as the State Commissioner of Administration, appointed by Governor Mike Foster. As chief operating officer for the State, he was responsible for preparing and implementing the State's operating and capital budgets as well as overseeing the day to day operations of state government, including the health insurance program for state employees, the IT operations and contracts. Mark has also served as the President and CEO of Greater New Orleans Inc, a regional economic development organization. Earlier in his career Mark was the President and CEO of the private research group PAR, which specializes in analyzing government operations and proposing best practice solutions to problems. Prior to PAR, Mark served as the Legislative Fiscal Officer where he advised the Louisiana House and Senate members on financial issues.

Mark is active in the community and serves on various boards, including the Julius Freyhan Foundation, Manship Theatre, Shaw Center for the Arts, Baton Rouge Area Foundation, Visit BR, Crimestoppers and the Foundation for Historical Louisiana.

Mark resides near Saint Francisville with his wife Marion, an artist. They have four children and four grandchildren.