

## **Mary Beth Long**

Mary Beth Long is cofounder and principal of Global Alliance Advisors, LLC, an international business consulting firm. She is also founder of M B Long & Associates, PLLC, an international legal and advisory firm. From 2007 to 2009, Long served as the first woman confirmed by the U.S. Senate as assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs in the office of the secretary of defense, and as chair of NATO's High Level Group (HLG), responsible for NATO's nuclear policy. In her defense department roles, she also acted as principal deputy secretary of defense on the Middle East, Africa, the Western Hemisphere, Asia, and Southeast Asia; and was the deputy secretary of defense for counter narcoterrorism with a budget of over \$1 billion. To those credentials, she adds more than a decade of Central Intelligence Agency operational experience (1986 to 99) on terrorism and other security issues. After leaving government, Long founded Metis Solutions LLC. Under her tenure as CEO, the company was recognized in Inc. Magazine's List of America's Fastest Growing Companies in 2014, 2015, and 2016 and was featured in Forbes magazine's Women Business Leaders. Long advises several Fortune 50 companies on international defense markets. From 2013 to 2016, she served as a senior subject matter expert for the supreme allied commander of NATO as well as a senior international advisor to the minister of defense of Colombia. Long has advised several Presidential candidates and appears regularly on *Fox News*, BBC, CNN, *Al Jazeera English* and NPR on Middle East issues and the intelligence community. She is a licensed lawyer and, from 1999 until 2004, was an associate specializing in civil litigation matters at Williams & Connolly LLP. Long travels regularly to the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, and Afghanistan and has offices in Abu Dhabi and Kabul. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and in 2016, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award, the University's highest honor presented to its alumni. She received her JD from Washington and Lee University School of Law.