



The Honorable Mary Beth Long has over 17 years in intelligence and defense related government service. In her last position under Secretary of Defense Robert E. Gates, she served as the first woman confirmed to a four-star equivalent position by the U.S. Senate, as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Ms. Long was responsible for the entire Middle East and Africa, Israel and for Europe. She also was the first female to Chair NATO's senior-most nuclear and missile defense policy-making body, the High Level Group (HLG). In 2008, she was the senior U.S. official overseeing the expansion of NATO.

Since 2021, Ms. Long has been a Professor of Practice at Penn State University's School of International Affairs teaching graduate courses in Intelligence and Foreign Policy. She also participates in several ongoing "Track II" negotiations sponsored by non-government organizations, including Harvard's Belfer Center's U.S.-Israel Iran negotiations. Those efforts include regular meetings with experts from Russia, India, China, Iran, and European and Gulf countries. In the last months she has met with senior decision makers from Turkey, Iran, Asia, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, and others as part of her negotiations roles.

While at DoD, Ms. Long held a number of additional senior positions, including Principal Deputy Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, Africa, the Western Hemisphere, and for Asia and Southeast Asia; and Deputy Secretary of Defense for Counter Narco-terrorism. In that office, she was responsible for a budget of over \$1 billion. In addition, Ms. Long performed the role of senior Defense official for the Secretary of Defense with his counterparts in Israel, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Latin American, Europe and NATO. She regularly attended the Deputies' Committee meetings at the National Security Council (NSC) as the senior representative for DOD regarding the areas within her responsibility. Ms. Long received the Department's highest civilian honors from Secretary of Defense Gates as well as from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Michael Mullen.

To those credentials, Ms. Long adds more than a decade of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) clandestine operational experience abroad (1986-99) on terrorism, covert action, counter proliferation, counterdrug and other security issues. While at CIA she was awarded a number of exceptional performance awards and was nominated for the Intelligence Star.

After leaving government, Ms. Long founded two multi-million dollar advisory firms from scratch, advised several Fortune 500 companies, and was key to a client closing over \$2 billion in international orders. She is the Founder & Principal of M B Long & Associates, PLLC; Co-Founder & Principal of Global Alliance Advisors, LLC; and is the Founder and former CEO of Metis Solutions, LLC – which she successfully sold in 2016 to private equity. Under her leadership at Metis, the firm grew to over 200 employees and was included in *Inc. Magazine's* list of Fastest Growing Companies in America each year from 2013-2016. Ms. Long also was featured as one of *Forbes* magazine's *Women Business Leaders* in 2016 for WDC.

Ms. Long was a litigation associate at Williams & Connolly PLLP from 1999-2004. She is an Honors Graduate, *magna cum laude*, and Phi Beta Kappa from Penn State University, where she studied abroad in Taiwan. She received the university's highest alumna honors in 2018. Ms. Long received her law degree, with honors, from Washington and Lee School of Law. She has served as a Senior Subject Matter Expert for the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO from 2013-2016, as well as a Senior International Advisor to the Minister of Defense of Colombia. In 2017, she was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations' North Korea "Shaper Choice" project and CSIS's Task Force on the Global Forced Migration Crisis. She is a regular media pundit for media outlets.