

Michael Bennett

An expert in cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and organizational transformation, Michael Bennett is a Contributing Principal with theGROUP. An accomplished attorney and senior executive, Bennett has worked for and counseled some of America's largest defense contractors as well as established and emerging technology companies. He also has deep connections at the federal and local levels with policymakers and industry leaders.

Bennett was the Chief Information Officer at BAE Systems Inc. where he was responsible for development and implementation of IT strategy, policy and security. He also served in several other senior positions at BAE Systems where he managed the company's cyberspace business. Bennett worked for two other major defense contractors as well, Northrup Grumman and EDS Corporation.

Bennett has been nominated to serve on the U.S. Postal Service's Board of Governors. He received unanimous support from the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs and is currently awaiting final confirmation by the U.S. Senate as a whole.

A recipient of the Washington Business Journal's 2012 Minority Business Leader Award, Bennett chairs the Board of Directors of Manna Inc., a DC real estate development firm, and is the Executive Vice President of Evans and Chambers Technologies. He also serves as senior advisor to companies with new and emerging technology and is on the Board of Advisers of a venture capital firm focused on companies with innovative technologies around big data applications.

Bennett is a visiting Professor at Howard University and is chair of the Duke University Alumni Association in Washington, DC.

Bennett received a Bachelor of Arts with honors from Duke University and his Juris Doctorate from The George Washington University Law School. He is a long-time licensed member of the bar in both Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

