

John Wesley White

John Wesley White is the owner and principal in Strategic Management Resources, providing consulting services to state and local governments in strategic planning, management process improvement, services integration, and interim management services. He has had a diverse management career in state and local government.

Early in his career, John Wesley had the rare opportunity to become the local government and urban affairs specialist for both houses of the Florida Legislature at the time of Florida's legislative reapportionment and its new emphasis on local and urban issues. During this period, he served as adjunct staff to the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission, assisting in drafting local government home rule provisions of the 1968 Constitution. As a legislative staff person, he subsequently drafted the legislation implementing Florida's county and municipal home rule. He later served as Budget Director of the City of Miami and as the Director of the Committee on Community Affairs of the Florida House of Representatives.

For ten years, Mr. White held senior executive positions in Florida's state government as Director of the Division of Employment Security and as a District Administrator and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. He was subsequently Director of Services Planning and managed the program of local government technical assistance for the Atlanta Regional Commission.

John Wesley was the Chief Administrative Officer of Prince George's County, Maryland, for four years and the County Administrator of Sarasota County, Florida, for ten years. He later served six years as the Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services of Fairfax County, Virginia. His interim management service has included service as the Director of Human Resources for Lee County, Florida, Executive Director of the City of Sarasota's Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, and Assistant City Manager of Lancaster, California.

Mr. White has a bachelor's degree in government and a master's degree in public administration from Florida State University. He has also taught urban planning at the university level. He has been the author of the chapter on local government for The Florida Handbook for the past 30 years.

John Wesley has been President of the National Association of County Administrators, President of the Maryland City and County Management Association, Chairman of the Urban Consortium, a Board member of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, a Board member of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, a Board member of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority, a Board Member of Healthcare Sarasota, Inc., and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia's Cooper Center for Public Service.

Mr. White's service has been recognized with the national award for Innovations in Management by the International City and County Management Association in 1996 and the Good Government Award by the Sarasota County League of Women Voters in 1994. During his tenure, Prince George's County was designated an All America City by the National Civic League. He is designated as a Credentialed Manager by the International City and County Management Association.