

## **Steven A. Spillan, Esq., CGMS**

**Organization:** The Bruman Group, PLLC

**Title:** Partner

### **Background**

I joined the Bruman Group, PLLC in January 2006 as a legislative assistant. In 2011, I became an Associate with the firm and, in 2020, I became a partner. I have held the Certified Grants Management Specialist (CGMS) certification since 2020. I received my J.D. from the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law and earned my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from American University in 2005. I am admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia.

### **Professional Experience**

I assist clients with federal grants management and various federal grant award programs. I also work with clients on compliance with applicable rules and regulations under the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG). This includes providing training on applicable grants management rules, assisting clients with drafting/updating written policies and procedures for their federal grants, conducting mock monitoring reviews to detect any material weakness in a non-federal entity's internal controls, and assisting clients in resolving any audit or monitoring findings.

### **Vision/Direction for NGMA**

With 19 years of experience in federal grants management, I see the value in NGMA bringing together people with different backgrounds and experiences from all levels of federal grants. With NGMA having federal awarding agencies, pass-through entities, recipients, subrecipients, and consultants from all across the country as members, it is uniquely situated to provide professional development and networking opportunities. I would be honored to help shepherd the organization into the next era of collaboration between federal rule makers and stakeholders from the field to ensure cooperation in crafting effective and compliance federal grant awards. I am also interested in exploring new ways for NGMA to ensure its common voice is heard in an impactful way in the federal legislative and administrative arenas in Washington, D.C.

### **Governance Skills**

As an attorney with clients in nearly all 50 states and various U.S. territories, I have spent nearly two decades dealing with compliance and performance issues in various federal grants of all shapes and sizes. Helping to resolve compliance issues at the state and local levels has provided invaluable experience in managing complex issues for organizations of various sizes. Helping to manage a law firm with a wide client base has also provided crucial experience in organizing both local and large-scale efforts to bring together the necessary parties to resolve complex problems and find solutions agreeable to multiple parties.

### **Additional Skills/Knowledge/Strengths**

In addition to extensive knowledge and understanding of federal grants rules and regulations, my history of compliance and grants management will be a helpful resource for NGMA members. After nearly two decades of providing training in both small and large conference settings, I can provide useful insight on training and networking opportunities at Annual Grants Training and regional meetings and events.