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Ms. Kristin Fitzmorris has 25 years of strategic communications, training, and project management experience for the federal government, Intelligence Community, and private corporations. Currently, Ms. Fitzmorris is the principal of Hidden Brook Communications, LLC, a leadership and communications consultancy providing leadership, risk management, social responsibility, and change management solutions to government and corporate clients in the defense, energy, sustainability, and health sectors. She is also an adjunct faculty member for American University in Washington, D.C., teaching Strategic Communication Management for the online graduate studies program.

Her earliest experience includes ten years as a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Operations Officer with overseas tours in Europe and Africa, recruiting and handling foreign assets and crafting influence communication campaigns on behalf of the US government. From there Ms. Fitzmorris spent ten years as a defense contractor supporting sensitive strategic communication operations for the Intelligence Community. In the wake of 9/11, she was the primary architect of a government-wide intelligence and inter-agency collaboration training initiative, designing the curriculum for two programs and creating a standards accreditation methodology for training academies across the CIA, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Defense (DoD), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Department of Energy (DOE).

Ms. Fitzmorris received her MA in Strategic Communications from Johns Hopkins University and her BA in Psychology and Political Science from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. Her academic studies have focused on project management, persuasive messaging, and leadership. Ms. Fitzmorris serves as an academic journal peer reviewer for social science research and as a volunteer arbitrator assisting with dispute resolution for the Fairfax County Office of Consumer Affairs. She is married and has two sons.