



## **Mark Watts**

### **Professional Experience**

Mark Watts joined Smith, Watts & Martinez, LLC. as Partner in 1999, an advocacy and consulting firm that specializes in transportation project funding and implementation. Mr. Watts has served in a variety of capacities in state government and the private sector as a lobbyist as well.

In 1996, Mr. Watts was selected in 1996 to spearhead the management of the California State Assembly as the Chief of Staff for Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle.

Previously, Mr. Watts was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to serve as Undersecretary for Transportation for BT&H in May 1994 with oversight responsibility for Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the CTC.

From 1988 to 1990 he served as staff director for the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and as lead staff for the budget Subcommittee on Transportation.

Other experience includes: Various staff positions at Caltrans from 1975 through 1985; Principal Consultant for the Assembly Ways and Means Committee; an associate at a leading legislative advocacy firm from 1990 through 1994; and for a brief six-month period in 1995, Mr. Watts was recruited to serve as Co-Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly Rules Committee during the historic power-sharing arrangement between Republican Leader Jim Brulte and Speaker Willie Brown.