



MATTHEW BARNES-SMITH, Senior Vice President of Administration Services and Compliance



Matthew Barnes-Smith is the senior vice president of administration services and compliance for The Port of Virginia. In this role, Matthew is responsible for overseeing a variety of functions, including Supply Management (Procurement, Purchasing, Supplier Diversity and Inventory) Risk Management, Real Estate, Contracts, Insurance and Compliance.

“I’m honored to work for an organization that acts as the global gateway for Virginia. Our team takes our responsibility and privilege very seriously. We work with companies both small and large, local and global, to ensure we make the highest value decisions achieving exceptional quality, cost and schedule for The Port of Virginia and our partners.”

Before his current position, Matthew was the Vice President of Strategic Planning and Analytics, where he was responsible for Organizational Analytics, Management Reporting, Business Intelligence, Data Governance, Financial Planning and Commercial Pricing. He joined the port in 2013 as the Director of Business Intelligence and led the consolidating efforts to form a centralized planning and analytics team implementing the data driven decision process organizational wide.

“I’ve been fortunate to be a part of the team that’s brought about infrastructure investments that will benefit not only the port but the Commonwealth as well. I’ve enjoyed being a part of such a strategic organization watching those projects come to fruition through our data driven decision, and I look forward to seeing them develop for generations to come.”

Prior to working with the port, Matthew had experience managing economic and operational due diligence, including handling maritime transactions at Moffatt and Nichol, a civil-engineering firm.

He was also an integral part of creating business intelligence for British Telecom’s first local government joint venture in the United Kingdom.

Matthew is a board member for STARBASE VICTORY, a nonprofit partnership between Portsmouth Public Schools and the community that seeks to offer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) opportunities for 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in Economics and Finance from Oklahoma State University, where he also received his master’s degree in Economics. Matthew is also currently working towards his master’s degree in Accounting from Old Dominion University.