



Jaron Herd*

Disaster Policy Specialist

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Jaron Herd focuses on disaster recovery and emergency management, leveraging her experience as an appeals manager at the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to provide effective and efficient assistance to clients as part of Baker Donelson's Disaster Recovery and Government Services team.

Jaron Herd has a successful track record in managing and coordinating projects submitted under FEMA's Public Assistance program. She was responsible for handling incoming appeals and/or requests for arbitration in accordance with statutory requirements while with GOHSEP and now brings her unique experience and perspective to continue to support public and private nonprofit entities impacted by disasters.

Jaron spent more than six years managing the appeals section of GOHSEP. She served as a primary liaison for the section, responding to inquiries from state, local, and private nonprofit stakeholders, FEMA, and members of Congress. Jaron worked to identify policy issues before they required adjudication by administrative appeal or arbitration, and provided training and actionable recommendations for operational changes, when appropriate.

Previously, Jaron served in roles at the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office. Jaron also has Public Trust security clearance from the Department of Homeland Security.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Professional Excellence Award (GOHSEP), 2017
- Outstanding Performance Recognition Award (GOHSEP), 2018
- Emergency Service Award (GOHSEP), 2019



Publications

- "DRG Quick Bite: How the 2024 OMB Revisions Affect Purchasing Under a FEMA Award" (August 2024)
- "Don't Take FEMA Closeout Deobligations Lying Down," republished October 4, 2023, in *Daily Business Review* (September 2023)
- "Are You BRIC-ready?" (October 2022)



Education

- Trident University International, Master's of Business Administration
- Louisiana State University, Bachelor of Science

* Baker Donelson professional not admitted to the practice of law.