

Niel Golightly

Niel Golightly is a vice president for Shell Oil Company currently on executive loan to the City of Houston to serve as chief of staff to the Hurricane Harvey recovery team.

Prior to this role, Niel was Shell's VP for Energy Transition Strategy in the U.S.

Niel's past roles have included Vice President for External Relations in the Americas, based in Houston, and five years as Shell's Vice President for Global Downstream Communications and Sustainable Development, based in London. He joined Shell after a 13-year career at Ford Motor Company, where his positions included Director, Sustainable Business Strategies; Vice President, Public Affairs for Ford of Europe; and Director of the Chairman's Office.

Before joining Ford, he served on active duty with the U.S. Navy, first as a fighter pilot then as a Pentagon speechwriter for General Colin Powell.

Niel received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Cornell University and later studied at the University of Konstanz in Germany as a Navy Olmsted Scholar.

Niel is married with two sons and rows a single scull in his spare time.