

EDWARD O'NEILL

Edward O'Neill is currently Senior Advisor to the Governor for California Public Utilities Commission Modernization and Reform. He was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown and assumed this position in June of 2014. In this capacity, he is responsible for working in collaboration with CPUC President Michael Picker in reviewing the Commission's existing jurisdiction, organization, management, functions, processes and procedures, and recommending changes that may improve its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability.

He has devoted his entire career of over 36 years to public utility law and regulation.

Prior to his appointment as Senior Advisor to the Governor, he was a partner with the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in San Francisco where he provided advice, counsel and representation to public agencies, citizens groups, ratepayer advocates, renewable energy developers, independent power companies, competitive utility service providers, and large consumers of utility services, on a wide range of electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, transportation, environmental, land use and competition law matters.

Prior to joining Davis Wright Tremaine, he served over twenty years with the California Public Utilities Commission as Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Judge, Commissioner's Advisor and staff counsel. During his tenure with the Commission he represented the Commission in a number of high profile matters including: California electric industry restructuring; natural gas industry restructuring; an international trade dispute concerning over \$1 billion in annual natural gas imports from Canada to California; and the Commission's review of the multi-billion dollar cost overruns on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

Mr. O'Neill is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and Boston College Law School.