

ROBERT R. NORDHAUS
IN MEMORIAM



Professional Background

Bob Nordhaus specialized in federal electric, natural gas, and environmental regulation. His work in private practice and his governmental experience encompassed legislative, regulatory, and transactional work, administrative, and appellate litigation in these fields, and alternative dispute resolution. He represented electric utilities, independent power producers, end users of natural gas, and electricity, and state and local governments, and served both as neutral and as party-appointed arbitrator in electric and natural gas arbitration proceedings. Bob originally joined Van Ness Feldman in 1981, after serving three years as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's first General Counsel. He practiced with the firm until 1993, when he was appointed General Counsel of the Department of Energy by President Clinton. He rejoined the firm in 1997.

In 1977, prior to his service at FERC, Bob was a member of the Energy Policy and Planning Office in the Carter White House, and served as Assistant Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration. In 1975 and 1976, he was counsel to the House Commerce Committee, and from 1963 to 1974, he was Assistant Counsel in the Legislative Counsel's Office of the U.S. House of Representatives.

He served as a member of the Electric Power Research Institute's Advisory Council and was a member of the Market Surveillance Committee of the California Independent Transmission System Operator from 1998 to 2001.

Bob was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center from 1980 to 1985 and has served on the adjunct faculty of the George Washington University Law School since 2002. He was also a Director of PNM Resources, Inc., and served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Energy Bar Association and as Chair of the Administrative Law and Agency Practice Division of the District of Columbia Bar.

Bob authored a number of articles and reports on energy and environmental policy and climate change.

Bob passed away on December 24, 2016.

Representative Experience

- Advised and provided corporate counsel to an association of large state and municipal utilities on energy and environmental policy.
- Advised clients on Clean Air Act compliance and climate regulatory matters.
- Was outside counsel to Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future.
- Provided legal analysis of energy and climate issues for two leading energy and environmental NGOs.
- Prior experience included serving as General Counsel to two Federal agencies--the Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Government Service

U.S. Department of Energy

General Counsel, 1993-1997

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

General Counsel, 1977-1980

White House Energy Policy and Planning Office, 1977

Federal Energy Administration

Assistant Administrator, 1977

U.S. House of Representatives

Counsel, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 1975-1976

Assistant Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel, 1963-1974

Articles and Presentations

- Energy Policy, 40 Years Later: Meeting Challenges — Both Old and New, The IHS Energy Daily, Vol. 41 Issue 185 pp. 1, 09/26/2013
- Nuclear Power at the Crossroads, The Environmental Forum, Vol. 30 Issue 2 pp. 34, 03/01/2013

Alerts

- Are You Better Off Under the Clean Power Plan than You Were 14 Months Ago?, 08/12/2015
- After Michigan v. EPA: What Comes Next for EPA's Power Plant Mercury Rule?, 07/01/2015
- Nuclear Waste Fee to Be Suspended Indefinitely, 11/21/2013