

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

19. “Politics” II: How Can Regulators Respond?

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Chapter 18 described two forms of regulatory politics: public interest politics—the need to make tradeoffs among meritorious but conflicting goals; and private interest politics—the pressures from parties seeking benefits only for themselves. One enhances, the other undermines, regulation’s public interest mission.

The effective regulator can resolve public interest tensions with traditional tools: facts, logic, statutory language, public explanations and proper procedures. How does she diminish the distortions of private interest politics? Some suggestions follow.

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