

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

22. “Regulatory Capture” III: How Can Commissioners Avoid and Escape It?

The bad news is that regulatory capture is always a risk. The good news is that many in our community embody capture-resistance. Their common characteristics include long tenure, expertise (if not in utilities, then in government operations), confidence in their future employability regardless of whom they irritate, and the ear and respect of the governor and legislature.

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