

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

59. Essential to Effectiveness: Community Acceptance of Regulation's Mission

These essays have addressed the attributes and actions of effective regulators, and the obstacles they face. Essential to improvement is acceptance, by and throughout the regulatory and political communities, of regulation's mission.

Currently, acceptance is incomplete and episodic. Regulation's many participants bring different ideas about regulatory purpose, performance standards, and the consequences of falling short. This absence of commonality undermines effectiveness. I'll first remind us of the effective regulator's attributes and actions, then introduce the challenges that inhibit community-wide acceptance of regulation's mission.

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