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## Education

J.D., George Washington University,  
1984 (Highest Honors, Order of  
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M.P.A., L.B.J. School of Public Affairs,  
The University of Texas at Austin, 1972

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, The  
University of Texas at Austin, 1970

## Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

## Government Service

Legislative Director, Office of U.S.  
Senator Lloyd Bentsen (1978-1980)

Commissioner, Federal Energy  
Regulatory Commission (1985-1988)

Member, Electricity Advisory Board to  
the Secretary of Energy (2002-2008)

Mike Naeve is involved in energy policy and regulatory matters and has represented clients in a variety of federal and state regulatory proceedings and restructuring transactions.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Naeve served as a commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he played a leading role in developing FERC policies for restructuring the electric power and natural gas industries.

In his legal work, Mr. Naeve has represented numerous utilities before FERC in merger proceedings and has been involved in dozens of friendly and unsolicited merger transactions. In addition, he has worked with a variety of utilities on innovative electric transmission cases, wholesale rate proceedings and FERC enforcement proceedings.

Mr. Naeve has represented major oil and gas producers, natural gas pipelines, electric cooperatives and financial institutions in a variety of commercial and regulatory matters. He has testified before Congress on various matters ranging from electric industry restructuring to antitrust issues in the energy sector. Mr. Naeve formerly was a member of the Secretary of Energy's Electricity Advisory Board as well as the board of directors for the Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator.

Mr. Naeve consistently has been singled out by Chambers and Partners as its highest-rated U.S. energy lawyer, being designated as a Star Individual in *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global*. In 2006, Mr. Naeve received the *Chambers USA* Award for Excellence as the nation's leading lawyer in his field. He repeatedly has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *The Legal 500 United States* and *Who's Who Legal: Oil and Gas*. In addition, Mr. Naeve was named *Best Lawyers'* 2018 Washington, D.C. Project Finance Law Lawyer of the Year, as well as its 2017 Washington, D.C. Energy Law Lawyer of the Year and 2013 Washington, D.C. Oil & Gas Lawyer of the Year, and has been included in *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers*. Mr. Naeve served as head of the Washington, D.C. office from 2008 until February 2015.